

# **THE UNITING, THE BOYCOTT & THE PERFECTING OF THE BRIDE**

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## 1. GATHERING OF THE TARES FOR THE BURNING

### **Matthew 13.24-42**

*The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. **Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.** ... He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked [one]; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; **the harvest is the end of the world;** and the reapers are the angels. **As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.** The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.*

### Summary

#### ***The coming gathering together of wheat & tares***

- just before the coming of the Lord ... there's going to be a great roundup.

#### ***First the tares are separated & bundled together***

- Jesus said in the last days **first** He'd bind all the tares. Boy, they're sure binding up now. World Council of Churches got them every one, Pentecostals and all. ... Separating them from the wheat.

#### ***They are gathered to be burnt***

- They're all bound together **for the burning.**
- *they're now being gathered together for the burning.* Jesus said, "First, gather them together, bundle them, and then put all the bundles in one pile, and I'll burn them." There's a little bundle called Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, they're all gathering together in the World Council of Churches. "Gather them first." **He gathers the tares first, gets them away from the wheat, separates them,** "Gather them together and burn them." **They're all to be burned with the judgments of God, for sowing discrepancy among the people**

#### ***The nature of the bundling/gathering of the tares***

- **Council of Churches uniting themselves together** ... Fulfilling Revelation 13. "And **they made an image unto the beast.**" What is the image? We know who the image, the dragon that stood before the woman was to devour the child ...

#### ***But the wheat also is preparing to be gathered to the garner***

- The tares are binding themselves together **in organization: Confederation of Churches**, for the atomic burning. But the church is getting ready to go to the garner, in the rapture
- the Bible said the wheat and the tares would grow together until the last day, **then He would bind the tares first**, and burn them. **And the wheat would go to the garner.**

Sin and sorrow, pain and death of this dark world shall cease in a glorious reign with Jesus of a thousand years of peace. The Bible said they ruled and reigned with Christ a thousand years, a millennium. Now, this third Angel's message, **just before the coming of the Lord when the seal and the mark was put on, now there's going to be a great roundup.** A roundup, out in the west when we go out, I used to, I have since I was a boy, go out for the spring roundup and for the fall roundup, go out in the mountains and run the cattle down. And after we get all the cattle we can find out of every place, then we cut out all the un--the ones that doesn't belong to us. Ours packs a brand, and they're branded....

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"I am the Vine; ye are the branches." **The same life that's in the vine is in the branch, and the branch bears the fruit of the vine:** St. John 15. All right. What did they do? Now, all of them, you know... Jesus said in the last days He would bind--**first He'd bind all the** what? The **tares**. Is that right? Boy, they're sure binding up now. World Council of Churches got them every one, Pentecostals and all. They're all bound together **for the burning.** That's exactly right. Uhhuh. **Separating them from the wheat.** Praise God for that. That's right, separating them all out, unbelievers. Don't walk in their way. Don't go by their learning; come by the Word. That's right. **Don't be dismayed at the signs of God,** true signs of heaven... Signs of heaven, not signs of the church, signs of heaven, God-sent signs, don't be dismayed with that. Stay with it. See? All right. Council of Churches uniting themselves together, what are they doing? Fulfilling Revelation 13. "And they made an image unto the beast." What is the image? We know who the--the image, the dragon that stood before the woman was to devour the child, the Man-Child Who was to rule the world with a rod of iron, Christ. And He was caught up into heaven, set on God's throne.

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Well, the Bible said that **the wheat and the tares would grow together until the last day, then He would bind the tares** (Is that right?) **first**, and burn them. And the wheat would go to the garner. Is that right? **The tares are binding themselves together in organization: Confederation of Churches, for the atomic burning. Exactly right. But the church is getting ready to go to the garner,** just as sure as the world, **in the rapture**, for the freewoman won't be heir with the bondwoman. Mmm, Brother Anthony..... Hallelujah. Yes, sir. Oh, He will burn the tares, and the wheat He will take to the garner.

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That's Jesus giving the interpretation of the parable, Himself; therefore, we know then what the interpretation means. And now as we approach this, of this sowing of the seed and--and the reaping, now He interprets it. And then I believe that Jesus was speaking this parable in His day, but was meaning it to be at the end of the world, or, the end of the age, which is this day. And I believe this little text tonight is a very appropriate for the hour that we're living in, because Jesus distinctly said here that the gathering would be at the end of this world, that **that's when the end would be: the gathering of the wheat, and also the gathering of the tares and burning them, and to take in the wheat into the Kingdom.** And I believe it was this way. And another Scripture leads me to believe this way, I have written down here, is Matthew 24:24, where it said that, talking about the--the seat--the seed of discrepancy, Jesus said that the two would be so close together till it would--would deceive the very elected if it were possible: almost exactly the same. Another place in the Scripture where it's written, that the rain falls on the just and the unjust.

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God, give us men who's not connected with nothing but God and His Word, that'll tell the Truth about it. That's exactly what we need. What have we done? Sowed discrepancy. We've sowed to the winds, and now we're reaping the whirlwind. Notice that **they're now being gathered together for the burning**. Did you notice, Jesus said, "**First, gather them together, bundle them, and then put all the bundles in one pile, and I'll burn them.**" **There's a little bundle called Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, they're all gathering together in the World Council of Churches. What is it? "Gather them first."** Hallelujah. Did you notice, **He gathers the tares first, gets them away from the wheat, separates them**, "Gather them together and burn them." They're all to be burned with the judgments of God, for sowing discrepancy among the people, things that they... Having a form of godliness and denying the power thereof, denying the Word, just to hold up some religious rights of some dogma that somebody's injected in, trying to put in the Word of God. It won't work. It's a discrepancy. I scream today, as it was, the-the great prophet of long ago, Amos, when he come down into that city, said, "I'm not a prophet, nor a son of a prophet. But if the lion roars, who can but fear." He said, "When God speaks, who can but prophecy."

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## 2. UNITING UNTO DEATH

### Summary

#### Before the 1<sup>st</sup> Coming

##### ***Jews' religious unity against the message of the hour at 1<sup>st</sup> Coming***

- the Jews united themselves against Jesus ... and His Messianic Message.

##### ***The awful result: political/military unity to destroy the Jew***

- Israel had to turn down the Message first... then the military, the national life united itself together of other nations, and come in and destroyed the church.
- ***before Titus united the nations of his armies together, Israel united themselves together ... that they would not believe*** Jesus to be the Messiah. They rejected Him, turned Him out, and crucified Him ... ***uniting themselves together to reject the message of the hour...*** when they did that, ***then the national sign come in.***
- they said,"... We've got God, Who's been with us all through the ages. We will go into His holy temple."... But ... He had been turned down in His holy Temple. "...we are the chosen race... God is our God ... He's with us. He will deliver us from them uncircumcised ... Romans and Greeks ..." ***That sound good; but what had they done? The Builder of the house was in there ... and they turned Him down; when God had vindicated Him of being His Messenger of the hour ... So ... God let this great army unite to destroy it.***

##### ***But believers in Jesus protected from the destruction by heeding His Word***

- There wasn't one of them Christians caught in there, for they saw the sign (*i.e. Lk 19.43; 21.20-24*) and moved.

#### Before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming

##### ***A uniting spirit in all spheres before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming***

- see where we're living? The uniting time. ... ***We see the nations uniting together ... the isms uniting together ... 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.

##### ***Religious uniting to destroy the end time message***

- The only thing they can do is to draw themselves a council, because they are separated ... But once together under one big head ... They got it then.
- ... 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.
- they (*i.e. Catholics*) unite together, and that's the reason they stand together. No matter what takes place, that pope is the head of everything, no matter what anybody else says, "He's the infallible; he's a vicar of God; he's next to God; he has the jurisdiction over hell, heaven, and purgatory" whatever he says, that's what has to go. ... the Protestants is making themselves a head just like that ... don't the Bible said, ***"There was a image made unto the beast." What is a image? It's something like it, made like it.*** There it is, the same thing. By uniting themselves together, and this is the spirit of the age, is uniting together. Now, ***tried to destroy the Message...***

***The 1<sup>st</sup> Coming scenario repeats: religious unity against the Word leads to political unity against the Word-rejecting church***

- we see today, the churches ... turning down the Word of God ... So Communism is forming to destroy it, just exactly like Titus did, and the Bible said they'd do it.
- The ***Jews united themselves against Jesus***... we see what happened. We see the same thing now: Communism uniting to destroy the church, after the church has united in the World Council of Churches and trying to destroy the Message, the Word of God ... ***How could they destroy the Word of God?*** They can make it of non-effect, ***by taking traditions*** as they did back there in the beginning ...
- We see the same thing now happening ... Communism is uniting to destroy the church ...--that is after the church has united itself too in the Council of Churches, the World Council of Churches to deny and to destroy the Message, the Word. They have turned down the Word ... because It's against their denominational creed
- we see this uniting time coming ... ***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 .... they have turned down the Message of the Lord Jesus ... And now ... Communism is uniting the world together against the church.

***Pursue the true end time unity of the true Church***

- how the churches today ought to see the sign of the time that we're living in. Flee as hard as you can ... to Jesus Christ. ***Unite yourself with Him***, and not with some organization or some church creed. ***Unite with Christ***, and be sure that it's Him.

**The True Biblical Unity**

***The nature of true Biblical unity***

- One ***with*** Him (Jn 17.21; 1 Cor 6.17); &
- One ***in*** Him (Jn 17.21).

***All were of one accord at the beginning***

- All of one accord at Pentecost, and the Fire & the Glory came down (Acts 1.14; 2.1).
  - Cp When all one at its dedication, the Glory filled the temple (2 Chr 5.13-14).
- All of one accord in the early days after Pentecost (Acts 2.46; 4.24, 32; 5.12).

***Subsequent exhortations to unity***

- Of mind, heart, soul, spirit, judgement, mouth & love (Ro 15.6; 1 Cor 1.10; 2 Cor 3.11; Phil 1.27; 2.2; 3.16).

***Perfect unity at the end***

- True unity is a unity of the Spirit (Eph 4.3-6).
- The ultimate conclusion of the work of the Spirit through the ages: *till we all come to the unity of the faith* (Eph 4.13, 16).
- *Perfect in one*, the fulfilment of Jesus' prophetic prayer (Jn 17. 21-23)

Now, therefore we have a spiritual death in the churches. That's ***the last sign before the hour of deliverance, is the spiritual death.***

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Now, you see, ***before Titus united the nations of his armies together, Israel united themselves together and banded themselves, that they would not believe*** Jesus to be the Messiah. They rejected Him, and turned Him out, and crucified Him. And then, ***when they rejected the salvation that was sent to them, they unite themselves together to do it.*** Now, hold that in mind: ***uniting themselves together to reject the message of the hour.*** They had to do that. And then when they did that, ***then the national sign come in.***

The nations begin to unite themselves together, and Titus brought this great army of Romans and Greeks, and compassed the walls of Jerusalem, penned those people in there now, and they starved to death. They eat the bark from the trees, Josephus, the great historian, tells us. And they eat the grass off the ground. They even boiled one another's children and eat it (See?); as they were mad people. And then when finally Titus, he was setting back upon the hills, around Jerusalem there, and--and ***those people in there thought they were doing the will of God*** when they saw these armies marching in. ***They had refused to hear that Great Master, Lord Jesus, tell them that.***

***There wasn't one of them Christians caught in there, for they saw the sign and moved.*** See? They said, "Let them that's on the housetop come not down, or him that's in the field go back, take not his coat; but flee into Judaea, and pray that your flight be not in the wintertime or on the Sabbath." Because in the wintertime, the--the hills would be full of snow; and on the Sabbath day the door--the doors was closed, the gate, and they'd be caught in that condition. See? We want to get on that pretty soon about the--how God does those things, if the Lord willing.

Notice now, He... They prayed that it would be that--not be that way, Jesus told them to pray for that, and they never caught one of them in there. They were gone, 'cause they looked at the sign, and they were gone; that's all there was to it.

Oh, how the churches today ought to see the sign of the time that we're living in. Flee as hard as you can to Calvary for Life, not to some church, but to Jesus Christ. ***Unite yourself with Him,*** and not with some organization or some church creed. ***Unite with Christ,*** and be sure that it's Him. You can't just take anything; you got to be positive that it's Him. What a time of union.

Now, we find out that they rejected the Messiah and then united themselves together and drew themselves a league, and made a--a motion among them that if any persons received Jesus as a prophet, that they would be excommunicated from the church. You remember the blind boy that was set with blinded eyes? And the disciples said, "Who sinned? Him, or his father, his mother?"

And Jesus said, "In this case, neither; but that the works of God might be done, made known." And you remember, they said that the father and mother could not say. They said, "They know this is our son, but we don't know how he was healed." Because the Jews had said that any person that confessed Him to being the Prophet, that they would be excommunicated.

But, you see, the works of God was that this boy didn't belong to that group. And he said, "Now, it's a strange thing to me that you don't know where this Man come from, and yet He give me eyesight." See? Now, he could say it. See, that was the works of God. He had been

made healed, and well, and he could--he could tell it because he had no strings tied to them from anywhere. He was the one the works was done on, and he certainly saw his--for his first time in his life.

Now, ***the Jews united themselves against Jesus and--and against His Messiahship, and His Messianic Message.*** We see the same thing now happening, just the same thing. Communism is uniting to destroy the church, and the only way that it--that is after the church has united itself too in the Council of Churches, the World Council of Churches to deny and to destroy the Message, the Word. They have turned down the Word; the churches have. They cannot accept It because It's against their denominational creed; no matter how many Pillars of Fire would hang in our--in the midst of the people, or how many people would be, how many things would be foretold and happen, and all the great signs that He promised of the last day; they cannot do it.

Therefore, they are uniting themselves now, and your pastor here and many can tell you, that's reading, that they are--have the ecumenical movement of the--the--the world. And the... 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. And today, they have turned down the Message of the Lord Jesus, and they've turned It down. And now, the time is come to where Communism is uniting the world together against the church. See, it has to be that way. Now, it's hard to say that.

It was hard for them Jews to believe; they said, "Now come, brethren, we see that--that our God is with us, and so we'll--we'll go into the temple. And now we will pray, and, let holy father So-and-so, and holy father So-and-so, lead in prayer. Close the gates" And Titus took his stand, and stood right there for about a year or more (See?), right on guard, just starved them right out. There couldn't be a one of them even get outside the city; and they died, starved. And when he went in there and tore the walls down, the blood burst out and run like rivers down there where he slaughtered everything was in there.

Now, the Angel of the Lord prophesied that back in the Old Testament, and told that that would happen. And them ministers who was clergy, who was supposed to be posted on that and to tell the people that; instead of that, when Jesus stood among them, they didn't even know Him; and try to make a--a--some kind of a--a rabbit foot, "Do us a trick; let us see how--how it's done. Show us a sign." See? And He said, "I..." Why, He done so many things, and yet they couldn't see it. See? And then when they rejected Him as their--the Message of that day--they rejected the Message of that day, they failed to see the sign of that day. And the sign of the--the Bible's prophecy was made before them, and they said, "Let's go in now." Them were holy men. They were men that you couldn't lay your finger on their life. They couldn't be that, and then--and then be a--a--a priest. A priest would be killed; he'd be stoned

to death for any little thing. So they had to live a clean, holy life. He could not do it, because he was stoned for just anything.

And now, they were great men, and holy men in the sight of the people, and yet they went in and said, "Now, we will... We've got God, the God Who's been with us all through the ages. We will go into His holy temple." That was God's holy temple! But, you see, He had been turned down in His holy Temple. See? "We're going in to the house of the Lord. Now, all of you Hebrews know that we are the chosen race; we are here. And God is our God; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, He's with us. He will deliver us from them uncircumcised Philistines out there (as it was), them Romans and Greeks. He'll deliver us from that. Let's go into the house of the Lord!"

***That sound good; but what had they done? The Builder of the house was in there in a form of a lowly Galilean Carpenter, and they turned Him down; when God had vindicated Him of being His Messenger of the hour and of rank, and they turned It down.*** So all the praying, all the sincerity, all their sacrifices didn't mean nothing to God. They had done it. And God let this great army ***unite to destroy*** it. And we see today, as the churches through the denominations and so forth, turning down the Word of God. They don't want you tell them about these things, and science can prove it by pictures and everything else, and still they want nothing to do with It. So Communism is forming to destroy it, just exactly like Titus did, and the Bible said they'd do it. It's exactly.

Now, you see where we're living? The uniting time. When we see these things being united, oh... Why, we fail to see those things. You can--you can look in here in the Scripture and see where that He promised that what He would do. 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 is uniting together.

The Jew--***Jews united themselves against Jesus***, as their--as their Messiah. Therefore, we see what happened. We see the same thing now: Communism uniting to destroy the church, after the church has united in the World Council of Churches and trying to destroy the Message, the Word of God. They tried to get rid of It. The only thing they can do is to draw themselves a council, because that they are separated; a little group here, the Methodists, and Baptists, and Lutherans, and Presbyterians, Church of Christ, and so forth like that. They can't do nothing, 'cause this one will be against this one, this one be against the other one; their doctrine is just as much difference as the east is from the west. See, they can't do it. But once together under one big head, they got it. They got it then.

That's where the Catholics are so in unity, the Roman Catholic, 'course they're in a unity, they're the majority is the Roman Catholic; the Greek and other Catholics are--are not as much as the Roman Catholic. Now, they unite together, and that's the reason they stand together. No matter what takes place, that pope is the head of everything. See? And no matter what anybody else says, "He's the infallible; he's--he's--he's a vicar of God, that's all;

he's next to God; he has the jurisdiction over hell, heaven, and purgatory." See? So there isn't a thing that can be done in that case; whatever he says, that's what has to go.

Now, the Protestants is making themselves a head just like that to say... And don't the Bible said, "***There was a image made unto the beast.***" ***What is a image? It's something like it, made like it.*** There it is, the same thing. What is it? By uniting themselves together, and this is the spirit of the age, is uniting, uniting together. Now, tried to destroy the Message... How did they destroy it? How could they destroy the Word of God? They can make it of non-effect, non-effective, by taking traditions as they did back there in the beginning, and making the Word of God of no effect.

***Uniting Time and Sign Jeffersonville IN 08-18-63***

### 3. THE MARK OF THE BEAST & THE BOYCOTT (Revelation 13.11-18)

#### Summary

#### The Mark of the Beast

##### ***The 2 end time marks: the seal of God & the mark of the beast***

- there's going to be a group ... marked for destiny in hell. And there's going to be people marked for their eternal destiny in heaven ... these 2 marks run side by side.
- There's only two classes of people; those with the Seal of God, and those with the mark of the beast, only two, you'll have to have one or the other.
- ... you're going to have to go into 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

##### ***When?***

- it's going to get so great, so pinching, that ***just before the coming of the Lord***, that you'll have to have one mark or the other one

##### ***What is the mark of the beast?***

- 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. I do not believe that that's correct with Scripture.
- Don't never look for that (i.e. a tattoo). ***It'll be a boycott.***
- the mark of the beast ***has to come by union*** ...
- it'll be ... ***a mark of religion, apostate religion.***
- the mark of the beast which is ***Romanism***

#### The Mark of the beast introduced by the 2<sup>nd</sup> beast of Revelation 13

##### ***Who is that beast? The USA***

- the United States ... appears in Revelations 13 ... the lamb that come up ... not thickness and multitudes of people, not out of the water, but out of a land where there's no one. It had two little horns: civil and ecclesiastic powers. And he was a lamb: freedom of religion. And after while ... he spoke like the dragon and exercised all the power that Rome did before him. That's coming to our nation. ...

##### ***The 2<sup>nd</sup> beast instructs the making of an image of the 1<sup>st</sup> beast, compelling its worship***

- the beginning of the Gentiles ... they ... ***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.

##### ***What is that image?***

- they would form an image to that beast. What is an image? Something made like it. And that's the Confederation of Churches, ***and Pentecost is in it.***
- ***The confederation of the churches, the beast like it is in Rome***
- 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 ...
- the image of the beast is ***Protestantism***,

### ***The confederating of non-Catholic organisations***

- I predict that the two denominational groups, Pentecostal and Evangelical, 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.
- I'm not prophesying. I'm predicting. I predict that in the next few years all organization religions will be forced to take a stand. And they will have a union of churches, and a great boycott will follow this union.

### ***The uniting of the Confederation of churches & Catholicism***

- One of the great ambitions 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***
- The Catholic church and the Protestant churches will become friends ... they will unite together... ***the Protestant will never become Catholic, but they'll be associated brotherhood: a mark of the beast; likened unto the beast.***
- Rome will rule the world for just a hour ***with the cooperation of Protestantism*** in a denominational form of church, which God has rejected.
- And it's going to have a image unto the beast. Rome was, is, and always will be the beast ... And what did Rome do? Was converted from pagan Rome unto papal Rome and organized a universal system, that ***forced everybody to that one religion*** or be put to death.

### ***The gathering together of churches is the binding of the tares***

- the Bible said the tares would be bound first. They're bundling all in one great group.
- These people now that's gathering all this great big harvest of World Council of Churches...

### ***The result of the religious uniting is the mark of the beast***

- watch the Confederation of Churches and the Catholic unite and watch what takes place.
- Now, she (*i.e. Rome*) takes herself to the Confederation of Churches to go right in ***to take the mark of the beast.***

### ***Politics will work with religion to enforce the united religious will***

- what they couldn't get in the religious circles they cut it all into politics, and there they done it. The political will be a boycott just exactly back to the mark of the beast

### **The Godly Mark: the Seal of God**

- Just as there was a physical mark in the flesh of OT Israel (Ro 4.11);
- & a spiritual mark on the forehead of the godly Israelite at the end of the Jewish OT kingdom (Ezk 9.4-6);
- So there is a spiritual seal on the NT saints (2 Cor 1.22; Eph 1.13 4.30);
- & there will be a similar seal on the godly at the end of the present age (Rev 7.2-4; 14.1; 22.4).

### **The Boycott**

#### ***The coming hour of temptation***

- shall come ***upon the whole world, to try*** them that dwell upon the earth

- ... **when we see the eastern and western world again uniting**, see them two feet in Daniel's vision. It's just repeating again, it's **a revival of the old Roman empire** ... It's time for Daniels to rise ... for people who will purpose in their heart that they'll live true to God, and to the Holy Spirit, and to the principles of the Bible, regardless of what the rest of the world says.
- after ... God has brought His people to their knees ... **Jezebel took everything and will do it again**. Thus Saith God's Holy Bible, she will do it again.
- No wonder Jesus said, "Except these days be shortened, no flesh would be saved." ... we're at the end time. The Lord Jesus shall come soon

#### The Nature of the Boycott:

##### **Forced to worship the image of & take the mark of the beast**

- you'll have to belong to an organization or you can't worship ... 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**.
- ... then ... the churches all together make an image to the beast, so right straight back to the mark of the beast again. ... 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**.
- The same way (*i.e. as in Daniel 3*) **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 was contrary to the Word of God.

#### Consequences of the Boycott

##### **Churches not joining the union closed**

- a Council of Churches, after while, will **shut out every church that don't belong to it**.
- All denominations will be **forced** into it (*i.e. the coming union*): all of them. If they don't, there'll be a horrible boycott ... shortly, if people do not join some organization, some church, **their doors will be closed**.
- You'll be kicked out some of these days from these interdenominational like this ... you'll have to belong to an organization or **you can't worship**. ...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 ... or **you won't worship** at all.
- **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 time's coming when you're either going to put your organization into the World Council of Churches... And if you don't do it, **you'll be an individual, independent church. And the image of the beast is going to close your doors**, and you're going to be forbidden.
- **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... the beast is... 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 ...
- **I speak in the Name of the Lord**. There will be like a union, a boycott. All such places as this here will be closed; **you'll not be able to hold a service without a license** from this federation of churches. **That's my prediction, as a servant of Christ through the understanding that I have of the Word and the inspiration**

- (*I predict*) there will come through them (*i.e. united Pentecostals & Evangelicals*) a forcing or a boycott that'll **stop everything but what belongs to that union** of churches.

#### **Forced to renounce Biblical teaching**

- you have to **forfeit ... your evangelical belief**, to get into the World Council. And every denomination will have to come in there.
- ... You're going to have to **forfeit your evangelical teaching of the baptism of the Holy Ghost ... your doctrine of the Bible.**
- **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. A image unto the beast. ... all who don't join with them, will be shut out and not be allowed to preach. ... **"No more healing services. No more prayer for the sick."**... You'll come through the Council of Churches or you don't have it at all.

#### **Persecution**

- there's **a persecution** coming upon all who won't unite with it, and a boycott.
- ... Before **this great onslaught** coming on to bring the mark of the beast, and to fulfil the Scriptures by **forcing** the people after the hold is gotten, ... into things that they do not accept, to cause the **persecution** and the boycott to come.

#### **Even unto death**

- Jesus said it would be a time that they would even kill you, thinking they was doing God service

#### **Unable to buy or sell**

- **I'm just prophesying** ... It's going to come to a place soon, that all denominations are going to have to join the ecumenical council. If they don't ... there'll be a boycott that nobody can go to these churches ... **Unless** you have a mark from your own church **you cannot buy or sell.**
- It'll come a time where you'll either belong to an organization or you can't keep your door open. ... They even go lower than that; they'll try to stick you so bad, till they **won't let you buy or sell 'less** you've got that organization mark on you.
- 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,
- (*speaking about labour unions*) ... it's going to come from labor to religion one of these days ... it's a forerunner of everything becoming unionized. You can't work; they won't let you on the job ... unless you belong to this union. ... **may my words be graved with a iron pen in a mountain of steel. THUS SAITH THE LORD, that same thing will happen in religion.** You'll belong to a denomination of some sort, or you **cannot buy or sell.**

#### **Reaction of the Godly Remnant to the Boycott**

- 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.
- Won't be long till we'll have to close them doors ... or either take a denominational mark. **And we'll close the doors.** That's right.
- 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.

- the hour will soon arrive where we can't have these meetings ... we don't know what time they'll stop this... there'll be a unionize amongst the churches ... form up the head of the Confederation of Churches... you'll either have to belong to some of those denominations or be ousted. And ***that's the time we have to show our colors***

### Kept by the Power of God

#### ***The same rain that matures the tares for the gathering brings the true seed to perfection***

- Now, the Spirit will fall, but ***It'll bring a harvest of the seed that It falls on.***
- ***before this boycott can come*** of the marking of the beast, there has to be a Seed sowed for God to take a church out of it. ... A denominational seed to make a form or an image to the beast, the church of Rome. ***And there has to be a true Bride***
- We are at the end time. The seeds are sowed now; ***the latter rain is fixing to come forth.*** Remember, there will be such a denominational gathering pretty soon; ... they will bring themselves together into this federation of churches, and then this kind of a church will be put out of operation. ***It's at that time that Jesus will appear, and He will show which is Bride and which is not.*** When the Spirit falls ... them denominations will swing together and the Church will be ousted, they'll confederate it and put a boycott on anybody that don't belong to them. Rome will rule the world for just a hour with the cooperation of Protestantism in a denominational form of church, which God has rejected.

### The Way of Escape

#### ***The true Church will be delivered***

- it'll be terrible on that group that won't join. The boycott will come, ***but in that hour You promised to take Your church*** ... Father, we believe, before the atomic powers ever blow this earth to pieces, the church will be gone.
- She (*i.e. the little girl*) was scared. That's about like ***the little Bride now***, that ***has to take her stand. It looks dark. The council of churches is going to throw you into that thing, or you're going to have to take a stand and come out. You have to reflect your character. What's she going to do in that time? What's going to happen when you can't buy nor sell, when they have a union of church? ...*** What's going to happen to the little Bride? ... when that little girl was screaming, ... like to scared her to death when she seen what happened. In that midnight darkness she was cut off all at once. The little boy screamed out with all of his voice, said, "Don't fear, little sister. We got a man here who can turn on the lights."

#### ***When it begins, the bride is taken***

- someday the real Bride of Christ will be forced to stop preaching the Word of God. The Bible prophesies of it in Rev 13:16. Denominations will force it to stop or take its mark. ***Then when the Lamb will take His Bride and judge the whore*** for this...
- when it does, no man can preach the Gospel without belonging to this system... And ***remember, at that time the Bride's gone***
- ...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***

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.

**Questions & Answers Jeffersonville IN 05-15-54**

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 E**

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**.

**The Mark of the Beast Jeffersonville IN 07-15-56**

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? It's just repeating again, and it's a revival of the old Roman empire, coming up as certain as I'm standing here. It's true. It's time for Daniels to rise. It's time for people who will purpose in their heart that they'll live true to God, and to the Holy Spirit, and to the principles of the Bible, regardless of what the rest of the world says.

**Handwriting on the Wall Jeffersonville IN 09-02-56**

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 Jeffersonville IN 01-20-57 E**

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**

**And Then Jesus Came Phoenix AZ 03-02-57**

Did you notice this United States is number thirteen in everything it does? You know it was established, the thirteen colonies? You know the flag had thirteen stars in it first? You know everything that the United States does is in the number thirteen? Did you know it appears in the Bible in Revelations 13? Certainly does. The little beast, the lamb that come up out of water, not thickness and multitudes of people, not out of the water, but out of a land where there's no one. It had two little horns: civil and ecclesiastic powers. And he was a lamb: freedom of religion. And after while they went together and he spoke like the dragon and exercised all the power that Rome did before him. **That's coming to our nation.** You mark it down. You **watch to the Confederation of Churches and the Catholic unite together, and watch what takes place.**

**Hebrews Chapter Four Jeffersonville IN 09-01-57 E**

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.

**Hear His Voice Jeffersonville IN 10-05-58 M**

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.

**Questions & Answers Jeffersonville IN 06-28-59 E**

And in this day, remember, the hour will soon arrive where we can't have these meetings, and you've got to do it now while we got time to do it. See, we don't know what time they'll stop this now. And so there'll be a unionize amongst the churches, and they'll unite themselves together, form up the head of the Confederation of Churches, which they've already got a big U N. building and every denomination is in it. And you'll either have to belong to some of those denominations or be ousted. And that's the time where we have to show our colors and be sure that we know, not a guess work, but know THUS SAITH THE LORD where you're standing.

**Patmos Vision Jeffersonville IN 12-04-60 E**

And you know the Bible said there'd be a beast. And we know that's the Roman papacy. That's exactly right. And then they would form an image to that beast. What is an image? Something made like it. And that's the Confederation of Churches, **and Pentecost is in it**. It'll come a time where you'll either belong to an organization or you can't keep your door open. Now, you see if that isn't true. That's the reason we pound it to death. Yes, sir. You... They even go lower than that; they'll try to stick you so bad, till they try to--won't let you buy or sell 'less you've got that organization mark on you. It brings it right in. Just exactly like that day, they burned them, they...

**Smyrnaean Church Age Jeffersonville IN 12-06-60**

We believe that hour is close at hand now, Father, when these churches is confederating themselves together, making a image unto the beast; and **it'll be terrible on that group, Lord, that won't join it. The very boycott will come, but in that hour You promised to take Your church.** Help us, Lord. Before one drop of water fell, Noah was in the ark. Before the fire could strike Sodom, Lot was gone. Father, we believe, before the atomic powers ever blow this earth to pieces, the church will be gone. We're so glad, Lord. And we know that the bombs are hanging in the hangers tonight.

**Thyatirean Church Age Jeffersonville IN 12-08-60**

The church is going to come to a place where you're going to have to get in this organization 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? ... 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.**

**Philadelphian Church Age Jeffersonville IN 12-10-60**

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 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.

**The Ten Virgins and the 144000 Jeffersonville IN 12-11-60 M**

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. 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.

**Jezebel Religion Middletown OH 03-19-61**

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 ...** 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. ...

Jesus may come this afternoon; He may come next year. I don't know when. But remember, if I do not live to see that day of His coming ...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.... All signs are pointing to the end.....

Then in the latter rain there will come forth a Mount Carmel, a showdown: Bible fulfilled to the letter. John the Baptist, His messenger before His face in Malachi 3, planted a former rain and was rejected by the churches, the denominations, the Pharisees and Sadducees in his day. Jesus came and had the Mount Transfiguration showdown. This forerunner of the last days will sow for the former rain. Jesus will be the showdown between denominations and creeds (which is His Word). When He comes, the showdown, the Rapture of His Bride... The first was Mount Carmel; the second was Mount Transfiguration; the third will be Mount Zion. Glory. Elijah's behavior, Moses' behavior, John's behavior, leaving their field of service, many of the people didn't understand them. It was because they was rejected and their message. The Seed had been sown; judgment was next. And they was a sign to the people from God that judgment was at hand. Planting was over. I believe someday the real Bride of Christ will be forced to stop preaching the Word of God. The Bible prophesies of it in Revelations 13:16 (if you want to put it down). Denominations will force it to stop or take its mark. **Then when the Lamb will take His Bride and judge the whore** for this.....

We are at the end time. The seeds are sowed now; the latter rain is fixing to come forth. Remember, there will be such a denominational gathering pretty soon; it'll be terrific. And they will bring themselves together into this federation of churches, and then this kind of a church will be put out of operation (as far as they know). **It's at that time that Jesus will appear, and He will show which is Bride and which is not.** And remember, Christian friends, I'm a man; I can make mistakes, but God, being God, cannot make a mistake. So

we've got things here in the Scripture that must be fulfilled, and that is one of the things, this boycott to come. **But before this boycott can come** of the marking of the beast, there has to be a Seed sowed for God to take a church out of it. You understand now? A Seed has to be sowed. A denominational seed and there--to make a form or an image to the beast, the church of Rome... And there has to be a true Bride.....

***When the Spirit falls and there becomes a move amongst the people, them denominations will swing together just as certain as I'm standing in the pulpit. And the church of God will be ousted, and they'll make it such a racket until they'll confederate it and put a boycott on anybody that don't belong to them. Rome will rule the world for just a hour. She'll rule for a little piece. Not Communism, Romanism will rule the world with the cooperation of Protestantism in a denominational form of church, which God has rejected.*** That's as close as I know the Word of God.

***The Spoken Word Is the Original Seed Jeffersonville IN 03-18-62 E***

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 weeped 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. Now's the time to flee.

***Way of a True Prophet Jeffersonville IN 05-13-62 M***

***Let me make a prediction. I'm not prophesying. I'm predicting. I predict that in the next few years that all organization religions will be forced to take a stand. And they will have a union of churches, and a great boycott will follow this union of churches. All denominations will be forced into it: all of them. If they don't, there'll be a horrible boycott.*** Nearly every one of them today has not knowingly joined that World Council of Churches, selling their birthrights: Protestant brethren with the mother Catholic of Rome. They'll do that. You know the Bible said that the tares would be bound, bundled first. They're bundling all in one great group. The Bible said they'd make an image unto the beast. I believe it'll come to pass, that shortly, that ***if people do not join some organization, some church, go in, their doors will be closed.***

***Super Sign Grass Valley CA 07-08-62***

The time's coming when you're either going to put your organization into the World Council of Churches, you'll... If you do that you take the image of the beast, 'cause you got a power just like it was in Rome. And if you don't do it, you'll be an individual, independent church. And when you do, the image of the beast is going to close your doors, and you're going to be forbidden.

***Conferences Tucson AZ 06-08-63***

Practically every church that there is in the nation is already in the confederation of churches. Raamses is growing, and they're all uniting together, and that's what they'll have. And what does it do? It makes a power, a beast just like the first one. Then there's a persecution coming upon all those who won't unite with it, and a boycott. It'll be too late then; you've already took the mark. Don't say, "I'll do it then." You better do it now. Raamses was growing.....

They're both growing again. It'll be a showdown one of these days. The time ain't far off when there'll come a showdown.

***The Third Exodus Jeffersonville IN 06-30-63 M***

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...

**Is your life worthy of the Gospel Jeffersonville IN 06-30-63 E**

And they're going to bring a persecution on pretty soon and shut up all the churches. You see that. And churches like this who's not in denominations, they'll use them for storehouses then. And if any man goes and offer a prayer for anybody else that don't belong to the economical movement will be shot on the spot. It's already. That Lutheran minister, the head of it, said so. It's right here. You can read it right here in your magazines. It's right. Don't make any difference what they say; that Church will stand true in this Light. She's already proved it back yonder, and She'll do it again in the face of everything. It's the Word of God. And let **all ecumenical movements and everything else will be gone. She's going to be there without spot or wrinkle.** Right. She'll stand there.

**Christ Is the Mystery of God Revealed Jeffersonville IN 07-28-63**

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.

**Influence Chicago IL 08-03-63 E**

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.**

**The Uniting Time and Sign Jeffersonville IN 08-18-63**

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. ...

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. ....

So it has to come to a world religion. Oh, my. A blind man could see that. 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. ...

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.**

**What shall I do with Jesus Called Christ Jeffersonville IN 11-24-63 M**

... 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."

**Ashamed of Him Jeffersonville IN 07-11-65**

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.

**The World Is again Falling Apart Shreveport LA 11-27-63**

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.

And the church tonight, like a bunch of Philistines, is gloating over the idea that a Council of Churches, after while, will shut out every church that don't belong to it. Samson, don't never bob your hair. **Stay right with that Word. I don't care what happens; you stay right there with that Word.** Don't get mixed up in that.

**Just Once More Lord Shreveport LA 12-01-63 E**

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.

**Church Order Jeffersonville IN 12-26-63**

Now, this--we're going to close up. You have to be one of them or not. You're--you're either into that or you can't do nothing, can't even buy or sell. That's right. You're daresn't to pray for the sick. If you're caught ministering to any sick or any person with any spiritual thing in there, you're subject to a federal law to be executed. That's exactly right. You know that. That's right; it's in their papers. Yes, sir. So you cannot do it. You have to belong to the cult.

Brother, let me tell you something; you better get Christ here in your heart right now, 'cause there is a time coming where you're really going to need it.

**There Is a Man that can turn on the Light Jeffersonville IN 12-29-63 M**

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. .... 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**

And a little family went down one time, and--and the little boy was walking with the guide. And the guide went over, all at once, and just flipped the light. And the little girl begin to scream. She was scared. That's about like ***the little Bride now, that has to take her stand. It looks dark. The council of churches is going to throw you into that thing, or you're going to have to take a stand and come out. You have to reflect your character. What's she going to do in that time? What's going to happen when you can't buy nor sell, when they have a union of church?*** Now, you say, "When that happens..." No, no. The flash has done took your picture then. Your character has already told you. You're already in it. See? You know what the Bible said about that. They would come and say, "Yes, Lord, we're coming in now." But it's too late. The door's closed. See? What's going to happen to the little Bride? I think of it in this little story. You know, when that little girl was screaming, jumping up-and-down in hysterics, like to scared her to death when she seen what happened. In that midnight darkness she was cut off all at once. The little boy said, screamed out with all of his voice, said, "Don't fear, little sister. We got a man here who can turn on the lights."

**Identification Tulare CA 02-16-64**

I was thinking of, "You know, we're having the most glorious time when we meet here together, but--and the people gathering from many states setting right in here now, from way away, hundreds and hundreds of miles. And we assemble together to fellowship around the Word, but there'll come a time soon when this'll be just a fond memory." That is right. These times will be taken away from us. So therefore, we must do all that we know how to do to make this every minute count.....

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, an ecclesiastical power, Jesus said it'd be so close like the real thing, it'd deceive the very elected, if it was possible.....

What was the dragon? Rome. See, had a mark, an 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***

***Feast of the Trumpets Jeffersonville IN 07-19-64 M***

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 an 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.

***Broken Cisterns Jeffersonville IN 07-26-64 E***

All right. Pertaining to labor union: I know you work... You men have labor unions and things that you... If you want to work, you have to belong to it. That's exactly right. You have to do that. But watch it (See?), because it's going to come from labor to religion one of these days. See? Now, you just remember; it's a forerunner of everything becoming unionized. You can't work; they won't let you on the job; you're--you're a "scab," unless you--unless you belong to this union. Now remember, you young people, remember what Brother Branham's saying. And ***may my words be graved with a iron pen in a--a--a mountain of steel. THUS SAITH THE LORD, that same thing will happen in religion. You'll belong to a denomination of some sort, or you cannot buy or sell.*** So be real careful, brother. Let it go just to labor alone. Watch it; it's a warning.

***Questions & Answers 1 Jeffersonville IN 08-23-64 M***

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.

***Seed of Discrepancy Phoenix AZ 01-18-65***

... 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."

***Ashamed of Him Jeffersonville IN 07-11-65***

## 4. PERSECUTION ARISES & THE PERFECTING OF THE BRIDE

### Summary

#### The coming persecution

##### ***Forced to worship an image***

- ... lamb, freedom of religion ... But after while, he spake like a dragon, and exercised all the power the dragon did before him, ***a bitter religious persecution***. We're nearing that time.
- Those two powers (*i.e. religious & political*) are coming together... ***Every person is going to be under obligation to take sides*** with one or the other.
- They were ***forced into worship of an idol***. ... if they didn't, they were persecuted ... ***the Church is coming into the same type of persecution before She's called out***. That's the way the Gentile Church was brought in; that's the way the Gentile Church will be taken out. As she come in so shall she go.

##### ***But the Lord will stand by His people***

- ***God will stand by you. He'll take the heat out of the persecution***. He'll take the life out of the cancer. .... He's God. You stand by Him, He'll stand by you.

##### ***And in it He will be working out His purpose***

- ***when persecution rises, the church it comes to its very height then***. It's always the best. Yes, sir, and ***God's working it all together***.

### What is His purpose?

##### ***The Church strengthened spiritually & brought together***

- Persecution always ***gives strength*** to the church.
- Persecution ***makes the church strong***. And God will strengthen this American church someday.
- persecution caused that people (*i.e. Israel in Egypt*) to go to ***crowding together and praying***. And always persecution ***strengthens the cause*** ... I have a great faith to believe that one day before the coming of the Lord, our little differences will be settled.
- just let a little persecution rise in the United States, and watch the church come together. ***Watch it get spiritual*** then... They just had to ***start praying***. And when you ***get spiritual***, God will take care of the rest.

##### ***The source of the strength: The Latter Rain***

- ***I know*** there's coming ... something that's going to take place. ***I see it*** in the near future, ***the Spirit of the living God falling fresh on His Church*** ...
- you'll see what the Latter Rain produces ... there'll be an affiliation. The Pentecostals and all the groups ***will come together*** ...and you won't even be allowed to open your mouth ... ***That's when He will come ... That's when you'll see a rain*** ... It's at that time that Jesus will appear, and He will show which is Bride and which is not ...

### ***The effect? She will be revived, fully recognising her position & manifesting the Word***

- Now, maybe ***between the revivals now, we are looking for another stir***, where there's got to be ***something happen now that'll gather the Church together...*** some kind of a press. God always does it that way to run His people together... that will shut out everything that won't agree with them, and it's going to run the Church together. And we're waiting for that to happen, and we're living on the results of the great revival that we've just passed, and He's resting.
- when the spiritual Bride ***begins to have a revival, to come back and line Herself up with the Word of God*** ... there'll be a message sweep out to catch that Bride
- Now, what are you going to do when you get all that group together, where the revelation is perfectly in harmony, and ***God expressing it through His Word by the same actions, the same things that He did, making the Word manifest? Oh, if the Church only knew its position.*** It will one day. Then, the rapture will go ***when it knows what it is.***
- when we can all come together, and ***see all those nine spiritual gifts ... operating*** the whole Church Body. Then we'll have the rapture. ... If we can't have faith for Divine healing, how we going to have faith for rapturing faith? The Church has got a ways to go yet. But I believe God will do it.

### ***The 3<sup>d</sup> pull fully manifested***

- Now, that great gift... Others I tried to explain and say how it was done. This can't be explained. Just wait. ***Wait till that council of churches brings on that persecution; that's when it'll happen.***
- we know what the third pull is ...I think it'll just lay dormant for a little while, ***until*** the great hour of persecution comes on. ***That's when... It'll be manifested.***
- Now, that great gift... Just wait. ***It will not be in operation so perfectly now.*** Wait till that council of churches brings on that persecution; ***that's when it'll happen.***
- It's tightening; and then when the press comes to a place to where you're pressed out, ***then watch ... the third pull then.***

### **The persecution leads to the perfecting of the bride**

#### ***Perfecting the Body, effecting the unity of the faith & making the bride perfect in one in Him***

- There'll have to be some kind of a press. God always does it that way ***to run His people together.*** I believe it's already being formed, that will shut out everything that won't agree with them, and then ***it's going to run the Church together.***
- when the time of the promise drew nigh, the people began ... to see ... some troubles. And God always cause troubles, mostly always, ***to bring the people together.*** ... I believe ***there'll be a time when there won't be any more division amongst the people of God*** ...I believe ***the persecution will run all the big ransomed Church of God together*** and ***we'll be one in Christ Jesus.*** And then He will take her home. ... at the time of the promise drew nigh, there raised up a Pharaoh who did not know Joseph, and they put burdens upon the people.
- I believe there is coming an hour when a real rank persecution ***will run us together.*** ***Then we will be one, the Church will come together.*** I believe it's all in the making of God
- ***I know*** there's coming ... something that's going to take place. ***I see it*** in the near future, the Spirit of the living God falling fresh on His Church ... ***I hear a sound in***

**the mulberry bushes. Something just spoke to my heart** and said, "Fear not, preacher. **They'll be one one of these days.** They'll believe." It may take persecution and things to drive us together, but **God will drive His Church together under one.** No denomination will be the head. Christ will be the Head

- It'll be a paradox if God ever gets us together. **But He will;** just trust Him. ... He knows how to send the persecution. **It'll run us together.**
- What we need today is some good old fashion persecution **to run us together ...** great persecution will **tear down all the differences and run us together as one ...** no man will ever be able to do it ... God Himself will do that. **We will be one someday.**
- "Before the end time comes, there'll be a woman, that'll be a great ruler in this nation. She will either be president or something on that order" ... We're nearer the end time; we are. And great persecution **will tear down all the differences and run us together as one person.**
- Every person is going to be under obligation to take sides with one or the other. **That's when the little Holy Ghost Church will come together.**
- It'll take a persecution **to run you people together.**
- if you don't do it within yourselves, some kind of a persecution will hit this nation one of these days. You'll long for one another then, brothers of like precious faith
- one day when persecution sets in, **the church of the living God will be one.**

#### **Bringing her to a perfect man**

- the true Church of God will be drove together. The real, true believers ... **will go together and cemented by the love of God, that'll make the Body** of the Lord Jesus Christ,

#### **Perfecting the house of the Lord**

- when the persecution comes, you'll see the great ransomed Church of God stick together, **stone will go to stone.** You'll forget ... whoever you are, when the persecution rises ... the Church of God will run together, stone by stone.
- Let the pressure come on brother, it'll push you to God. ... just start praying ... Just pray, get close to God. ... Don't worry God will do it ... When Solomon built the temple, it was cut out from all over the world. And when it come together, one block turned this way, and one turned that way, but there wasn't the buzz of a saw or sound of a hammer for forty years. **Every block just went right to its place, and the temple was built. And that's the way it's going to be** in the coming of the Lord

#### **A final thought**

#### **The persecution leads to the coming of Christ & the rapture**

- There'll be three isms. And they'd all heap up in one, and that ism will bring forth a **persecution that would send Jesus Christ to the earth again.**
- Don't get scared; He can turn on the Light. **When the persecution comes, don't get scared; there's a Light said He'd catch His people away. She'll not go through the tribulation.** ... She'll be caught away. ... No matter how dark it gets, if you can't see your hand before you, just remember, **there's a Man here that can turn on the Light, can Rapture that church.**

Notice it now. How that when the time of the promise drew nigh, the people began at that time, to see that there was something happened to them, some troubles. And **God always cause troubles, mostly always, to bring the people together.** Did you know that? I believe there'll be a time when there won't be any more division amongst the people of God, such as "I belong to this church, and I belong to that church." **I believe the persecution will run all the big ransomed Church of God together, and we'll be one in Christ Jesus. And then He will take her home.** Now, we won't argue whether this doctrine is right or that. Now, notice. Then at the time of the promise drew nigh, there raised up a Pharaoh who did not know Joseph, and they put burdens upon the people. And the people were so burdened that they could not make the--the bricks and things that they were supposed to. And then, **would you think that God would plague His people in that manner? Yes.**

**The Angel and his Commission Phoenix AZ 11-02-47**

Those two powers are coming together ... Every person in the world is going to be under obligation to take sides with one or the other. **That's when the little Holy Ghost Church will come together.**

**Experiences No 2 Phoenix AZ 12-21-47**

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.

**The Angel of the Lord Los Angeles CA 05-02-51**

Brother, one day **when the persecution comes, you'll see the great ransomed Church of God stick together like that, stone will go to stone.** You'll forget whether you're a Methodist, or Baptist, or whoever you are, when the persecution rises, **and communism sets down,** the Church of God will run together, stone by stone.

**Early Spiritual Experiences Hammond IN 07-13-52 A**

And they begin a persecution. And ... that caused that people to go to crowding together and praying. And always persecution strengthens the cause, been through the age: persecution. I have a great faith to believe that one day before the coming of the Lord, that our little differences will be settled. **God may have to let communism sweep us together, but something will take place that'll make us all one heart in one accord.**

**God Commissioning Moses Connersville IN 06-03-53**

And O God, grant today, that **when we can all come together,** and see all those nine spiritual gifts moving through the Church, operating the whole Church Body. **Then we'll have the rapture.** Then it will be culled out, and we'll have the rapture. If we can't have faith for Divine healing, how we going to have faith for rapturing faith? The Church has got a ways to go yet. But I believe God will do it.

**I Perceive you are a Prophet Connersville IN 06-14-53E**

You **just let a little persecution rise in the United States, and watch the church come together.** Watch it get spiritual then..... They just had to start praying. And when you get spiritual, God will take care of the rest. See? The rest of it just comes automatically. See? The main thing, start praying. The rest of it will be all right.

**A Greater Witness Owensboro KY 11-21-53**

**Let the pressure come on brother, it'll push you to God.** You don't have to wonder whether you're a Methodist or Baptist; just start praying; God will take care the rest of it ... Just pray, get close to God. A minister just returned, said to me, said he went into this bunch of people, he said, "Well, are all those Pentecostal people?" Said, "There ain't a Pentecostal in the bunch of them." "Well, look at them all speaking with tongues and shouting." He said, "Ha-ha. **The pressure just pushed them into it.**" That's all. Don't worry God will do it. He will push it into them. We thinking about, "This church is ours, and that church is ours." When Solomon built the temple, it was cut out from all over the world. And when it come together, one block turned this way, and one turned that way, but there wasn't the buzz of a saw or sound of a hammer for forty years. Every block just went right to its place, and the temple was built. And that's the way it's going to be in the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, the pure in heart shall see God.

**The Resurrection of Lazarus Evansville IN 11-22-53**

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.

**Questions & Answers No 1 Jeffersonville IN 01-03-54 M**

They were forced into worship of an idol. Is that right? Idolatry, they was forced into worship an idol, and they had to bow before an idol. And if they didn't do it, they were persecuted. Oh, what a picture you could pull out of Daniel, Revelation, tying those together and show by the Scripture that **the Church is coming into the same type of persecution before She's called out.** That's the way the Gentile Church was brought in; that's the way the Gentile Church will be taken out. As she come in so shall she go.

**Questions & Answers No 1 Jeffersonville IN 01-03-54 M**

And I tell you, **the true Church of God will be drove together.** The real, true believers out of Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Nazarene, Pilgrim Holiness, whatever they'll be, **will go together and cemented by the love of God, that'll make the Body of the Lord Jesus Christ,** all the believers. And agnostics and shallow-minded will be cast to one side; they'll go right on into the confederation of churches.

**Acts of the Holy Spirit Jeffersonville IN 12-19-54 E**

What we need today, I believe, first is **some good old fashion persecution to run us together.** We find out that when the church is really persecuted...

Now remember, I still say this: "Before the end time comes..." Wrote twenty-three years ago. "Before the end time comes, there'll be a woman, that'll be a great ruler in this nation. She will either be president or something on that order, some great woman. And at that time, automobiles, just before the coming of the Lord, will be in the shape of an egg." Now, remember that; keep it in mind. See? That was in 1932, or something like that. And look how they're shaping down every year, right to it. We're nearer the end time; we are. **And great persecution will tear down all the differences and run us together as one person.** We will... No man, no man will ever be able to do it. That's to big a ma--job for a man; that's God Himself will do that. We will be one someday. Amen.

**Faith Once Delivered to the Saints Chicago IL 05-01-55 E**

We've got freedom of speech; certainly we have. But the first thing you'll know, they'll try to stop all of this. The--they'll try to quit praying for the sick and put a banned on it. And just

remember that **when persecution rises, the church it comes to its very height then.** It's always the best. Yes, sir, and God's working it all together. Praise be to God Who gives us the victory.

**What Is a Vision Chicago IL 04-08-56 A**

So we had to go over the (Houston) coliseum to get the people. And that proved to me, that **one day when persecution sets in, the church of the living God will be one.**

**Jehovah Jireh Waterloo IL 01-27-58**

I believe, my brethren, that **there is coming an hour that when a real rank persecution will run us together. Then we will be one, the Church will come together.** I believe it's all in the making of God ...

**The Great Commission Chattanooga TN 03-01-58 B**

You may think that I don't know where I am, but I do. Oh, it is the Spirit of the living God. **I just can't preach no more. There's just something, the joybells of glory has just set in on me. I never had it to happen like that. There's just something... I know there's coming a time. There's coming something that's going to take place. I see it in the near future, the Spirit of the living God falling fresh on His Church, there's going to be something take place. I hear a sound in the mulberry bushes. Something just spoke to my heart and said, "Fear not, preacher. They'll be one one of these days. They'll believe." It may take persecution and things to drive us together, but God will drive His Church together just as certain as I'm standing in this pulpit, under one, that's Christ. Christ will be the Head.** No denomination will be the head. Christ will be the Head of every believer. Hallelujah. Don't get scared at hallelujah. "Hallelujah" means "Praise our God." He's worthy of every praise that we can give Him. Yes, sir.

**United Under One Head Middletown OH 03-26-58**

I crossed the line to Germany. Brother, I mean, there was a different people, altogether. They had to duck under buildings. They'd been burnt them in streets. They know what war meant. They knowed what it was to put trust in God, when a rascal like Hitler had led them into that kind of a place, and many of those real genuine Christians in Germany had--had to pray for every mouthful of food they got. **Persecution makes the church strong. And God will strengthen this American church someday.**

**Handwriting on the Wall Greenville SC 06-18-58**

I've often thought that about the church. **Before God can ever take His Church in the Rapture, it has to go through the hall of critics,** the world, to criticize it, make fun of it, call it...?... names. But then, when it's finally passed through that hall of critics, then the picture or painting can be hung in the hall of fame. **That's what God will do with His Church. He will let it go through the criticism and persecution of the world, but someday He will take it up in the air and put it in the hall of fame,** seat it at His right side.

**Door to the Heart Phoenix AZ 03-12-60**

If I could see every Pentecostal church, the Foursquare, Open Bible Standard, Pentecostal Assemblies of God, United Pentecostal Church, and all the rest of them, put their arms around one another and forget their differences, just fellowship one with another, I'd say, "Let Thy servant depart in peace for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation." And as long as Satan's got you shooting at one another, he just sets back and takes a vacation. He don't have to fool at all.

See, you... See? I pray that I'll live to see the day. And ***if you don't do it within yourselves, some kind of a persecution will hit this nation one of these days.*** You'll long for one another then, brothers of like precious faith

***Why Beaumont TX 01-25-61***

..... Now, you'll see what the Latter Rain produces. You'll find out there'll be an affiliation. The Pentecostals and all the groups will come together, and they'll shut the doors on them guys that won't listen to it; and you won't even be allowed to open your mouth. That's right. ***That's when He will come. That's when He will show. That's when you'll see a rain.*** Oh, my, lay still; be quiet; let it go. See? .....

Then in the Latter Rain there will come forth a Mount Carmel, a showdown: Bible fulfilled to the letter. John the Baptist, His messenger before His face in Malachi 3, planted a former rain and was rejected by the churches, the denominations, the Pharisees and Sadducees in his day. Jesus came and had the Mount Transfiguration showdown. This forerunner of the last days will sow for the former rain. Jesus will be the showdown between denominations and creeds (which is His Word). When He comes, the showdown, the Rapture of His Bride... The first was Mount Carmel; the second was Mount Transfiguration; the third will be Mount Zion. Glory. Elijah's behavior, Moses' behavior, John's behavior, leaving their field of service, many of the people didn't understand them. It was because they were rejected and their message. The Seed had been sown; judgment was next. And they was a sign to the people from God that judgment was at hand. Planting was over. I believe someday the real Bride of Christ will be forced to stop preaching the Word of God. The Bible prophesies of it in Revelations 13:16 (if you want to put it down). Denominations will force it to stop or take its mark. Then when the Lamb will take His Bride and judge the whore for this.....

.... We are at the end time. The seeds are sowed now; the Latter Rain is fixing to come forth.

Remember, there will be such a denominational gathering pretty soon; it'll be terrific. And they will bring themselves together into this federation of churches, and then this kind of a church will be put out of operation (as far as they know). ***It's at that time that Jesus will appear, and He will show which is Bride and which is not.*** .....

***Spoken Word Original Seed Jeffersonville IN 03-18-62 M***

Get a little persecution where you're not fed so well everything have to be pushed together. God's got a way of doing things, you know.

***To Take on the Whole Armor of God Santa Maria CA 07-01-62***

Less than fifteen years ago a family here in Port Fulton (I think some of the family's setting here tonight.)--here in Port Fulton, they sent a little girl home from school for wearing shorts to school. And to--this week they're trying to sue and put out of the school (and they did it), a little girl that refused to wear shorts in school. What's the matter with our nation? I thought this was a land of free; I thought we had a right--religious freedom. This father stood up and said, "It's against our religious belief for our children to wear shorts, our little girl of sixteen, seventeen years old, to wear shorts; it's against our religious belief." And they dismissed and expelled the child from the school. I understand that everybody that won't agree and come into the--to the--the international agreement of this fellowship that they're trying to form to put--and unite all churches together, the federation of churches, that all that won't come in and unite with it, they're making them a little province; they're going to send them to Alaska. You might as well get ready for cold weather, 'cause it looks like it's coming. So what a disgrace.

***The Influence of Another Jeffersonville IN 10-13-62***

They see the hour is closing in, fog is coming over the earth, great creeds and--and things are uniting together; churches are confederating, coming together. And, O God, how they're trying to say, "All that has a peculiarity will have to leave here and go to Alaska." And all these things that they're threatening, it's not new to us, the great Guide has showed us that in the path of the Word. We're just passing through that part of it.

***A Guide Jeffersonville IN 10-14-62 E***

And you see right now where they're going to take all the people that's got odd ideas about religion and send them to Alaska. You've seen that. All of our odd beliefs... And the--what is it? The Council, the World Council of Churches...

***Blasphemous Names Jeffersonville IN 11-04-62 M***

***Persecution always gives strength to the church.*** We've had it too easy. We get slothful. We get to a place where we don't want to move on, because everything's just handed to us. It takes sorrow, and tears, and sweat, and prayer, and faith, and promise to move forward in the power of the Holy Spirit. That zeal and power that they had in those days has long time vanished from our assemblies. I'm afraid if the windows would be shot out tonight, people'd run every way and never come back again. But... And another thing, it's too bad, you know, to think of those things happening like that. But yet it proves that the God that was in the old days is still God today.

***Return and Jubilee Shreveport LA 11-22-62***

He said, "Mother, it's got to work. God promised it this way." "Why," she said, "I looked out, and I saw the Joneses," or so forth. "Their boat sunk right down. And ours is still setting on the ground." ***It just takes a little more persecution, a little more judgment of God to bring it up.*** Finally the waters got deeper and deeper. After while the whole family felt something move. She left the ground.

***Investments Shreveport LA 11-24-62 B***

Now, what are you going to do when you get all that group together, where the revelation is perfectly in harmony, and God expressing it through His Word by the same actions, the same things that He did, making the Word manifest? ***Oh, if the Church only knew its position. It will one day. Then, the rapture will go when it knows what it is.***

***Christ Is the Mystery Of God Revealed Jeffersonville IN 07-28-63***

Now, maybe between the revivals now, we are looking for another stir, where ***there's got to be something happen now that'll gather the Church together. There'll have to be some kind of a press. God always does it that way to run His people together.*** I believe that it's already being formed, that will shut out everything that won't agree with them, and ***then it's going to run the Church together.*** And we're waiting for that to happen, and we're living on the results of the great revival that we've just passed, and He's resting.

***Calling Jesus on the Scene Chicago IL 08-04-63E***

And I know we've been down through a lot of impersonation and so forth. Moses and Aaron run onto the same thing. But when that comes up, stand still. Moses, when he met those supersensory perceptionists, he just let them go. ***They were doing exactly what he did, but he waited until the full manifestation took place.*** And it's promised the same thing would take place in the last days. "For as Jambres and Jannes withstood Moses," so will men of this day. But now, that doesn't stop the promise. That'll only magnify the promise. That'll make it real.

***The Token Shreveport LA 11-28-63 E***

Don't get scared; He can turn on the Light. **When the persecution comes, don't get scared; there's a Light said He'd catch His people away. She'll not go through the tribulation.** She'll never do it; He said She wouldn't. She'll be caught away. "How they going to do it, Brother Branham, looks awful dark?" No matter how dark it gets, if you can't see your hand before you, just remember, there's a Man here that can turn on the Light, can Rapture that church.

**There Is a Man that can Turn on the Light Jeffersonville IN 12-29-63 M**

There's coming a time upon--in this nation, to where this nation is going to exercise all the power that the beast had before (which was pagan Rome, when it become papal Rome. See?) that this nation will do that. Revelations 13 plainly explains it. The lamb came up out of the earth. The other beast came up out of water, thickness and multitudes of people. This lamb came up where there was no people. A lamb represents religion--the Lamb of God. And remember, it spoke like a lamb; it was a lamb, and then after while it received power and spoke like a dragon, and exercised all the power the--the dragon--power the dragon had before him; and the dragon is Rome always. So don't you see, Roman denomination, a marked Protestant denomination, an image unto the beast, making a power that'll force all Protestants like a union. You'll have to be into this council of churches, or you won't be able to have fellowship or to--to... Well, it's--it's practically that way now. You can't go to a church and preach, 'less you have a fellowship card or some identification.

And now, on persons like ourselves, we're going to be cut out of all that altogether. That's exactly, because they won't be able to do it. It's tightening; and then **when that time comes, and the press comes to a place to where you're pressed out, then watch (what I am fixing to tell you in a few minutes) watch the third pull then.** It'll be absolutely to the total lost, but it-it will be for the Bride and the church.

**Look Away to Jesus Jeffersonville IN 12-29-63 E**

... we know what the third pull is, we all--we all understand that.... Now, **I think it'll just lay dormant for a little while, until the great hour of persecution comes on. That's when...?... It'll speak. It'll be manifested.** Just like the five straight signs without failure, perfectly. And now, I think, just wait (See?); just see what does.

**Shalom Sierra Vista AZ 01-12-64**

God still remains true to His Word. "Both heavens and earth will pass away, but My Word shall not pass away." God, Who can create squirrels, Who can take away tumors, He's still the same God tonight; for it's Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever. ... What good would it do me to say something wrong, friends? What am I saying this for? That it might encourage you to believe. Now, that great gift... Others I tried to explain and say how it was done. This can't be explained. Just wait. It will not be in operation so perfectly now. **Wait till that council of churches brings on that persecution; that's when it'll happen.**

**His Unfailing Words of Promise Phoenix AZ 01-20-64**

All the Pentecostal groups come together then. **It'll take a persecution to run you people together.** You'll never believe it. But when that time comes... See, one thing they believed in common, Divine healing, so the oneness, twoness, threeness, fourness, and whatever it was, all come together.

**A Court Trial Birmingham AL 04-12-64**

I'm a Kentuckian. Together we stand, and divided we'll fall. Why did the Indians lose this country to the white people? It's because they wasn't--they was divided among themselves. How are we going to lose this great race? It's because we're divided. How we going to do it?

We got to stay together. We're all believers in God. The Holy Ghost takes us all in. It'll be a paradox if God ever gets us together. But He will; just trust Him. The virgin birth... **He knows how to send the persecution. It'll run us together.**

**Paradox Tampa FL 04-18-64 B**

59 **God will stand by you. He'll take the heat out of the persecution.** He'll take the--the life out of the cancer. He'll take the... He'll do anything. He's God. You stand by Him, He'll stand by you. He proves His Word true every time. Took the heat out of the blaze, stopped the lions' mouth, and so forth.

**Proving His Word Jeffersonville IN 08-16-64**

But we've got one of the most dreadful times to go through that ever laid before human beings. Now, I'm just waiting for the hour and when we can get--everybody can get a chance where you can get off from work and spend a few days, and we can get set up somewhere where I can speak on those plagues and things that's to fall in the days, and throw about two or three weeks together, and bring that together, if the Lord lets me live to do it **and will inspire me** to do so. See how those things will be dropped in and those thunders, then you'll find out what that man and them people has been dreaming about and all these things there; it'll come to pass. See? You'll notice what them revealed, that great thunder a-coming forth out of the--out of the skies. Now... Of course, the whole bunch of you, you know that I know what that--what that means. You see? And... But let's just wait till the time comes (You see?) for it to...?... Now... And it'll be more in season.

**Christ Revealed In His own Word Jeffersonville IN 08-22-65 M**

But **watch when the spiritual Bride when She begins to have a revival, when She begins to come back and line Herself up with the Word of God**, watch then again (You see?), how that the Scriptures, at that time **there'll be a message sweep out to catch that Bride**, catch that woman, elect.

**Invisible Union of the Bride of Christ Shreveport LA 11-25-65**

## 5. THE COMING PLAGUES

*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.*

**(Revelation 9.4)**

### Summary

#### **Why?**

- When God sends forth a message ... and they don't receive it, He withdraws His servant and sends His Plagues: famine, death, spiritually speaking, physically also.

#### **OT types of divine sealing**

- **when the destroying Angel went forth, You said, "Touch not none that has the Seal of the Father upon their forehead. They are Mine."**
- see what happened to them back there who believed? They was secured. Abraham was just as safe as he could be (Amen.), so was Moses. No Plagues bothered him or Israel. Neither did it bother Noah. Enoch was taken up before it ever happened
- God was bringing His people out to the Promised Land. And **Israel never received one plague.... It's a type of the church going just before the tribulation period....** "And man run and hid themselves and sought to kill theirselves, and couldn't do it, and everything." I believe that takes place **just before** the tribulation.

#### **NT sealing, the Holy Ghost**

- the Bible predicts that in the last days... diseases will break out ... **and fall on everyone without the baptism of the Holy Spirit?** But the Angel who had charge over these plagues was given orders to **touch no one on whom the mark was...** "Don't you come near anyone that's got the seal of God in their forehead."
- Ephesians 4:30 says: "the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you are sealed until the day of your redemption." When you receive the Holy Ghost, you come inside, like Israel coming under the blood, they were inside, safely secured, protected from the outside plagues of Egypt ... Come into Christ now
- But, remember, that horrible thing was forbidden in that day to touch those who had the Seal of God. **That's what we're striving for now, to get in and be positionally placed into the Kingdom of God before these horrible plagues strike.**

#### **End time sealing**

- read Revelations 8 ... the plagues ... that shall hit the earth ... But, before ... the death angels and the plagues was commissioned by God, "Don't come near any who has the Seal in their forehead."
- Revelation 9 and the 4th verse. And it was commanded them... (when they seen the plagues being poured)... that they should not hurt the grass... 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.**

For we believe, and feel pressed in the Spirit, that great judgments are upon these lands last days. Plagues, disease germs already bred up to be scattered throughout the nations. No doctor know even how to take a hold of it. O God, we'll have to believe in Divine healing then. When nations are breeding germs together, to burst them in bombs, and millions die an hours over it. But oh, we're so thankful that **when the destroying Angel went forth, You said, "Touch not none that has the Seal of the Father upon their forehead. They are Mine."**

**Attitude and Who is God Cleveland OH 08-15-50**

The only way I teach the New Testament is by the Old Testament shadow, just like the Holy Ghost here for the sabbath day and so forth. Everything is a shadow back there. Now, look back in the Old Testament. When you see the plagues falling, they were in Egypt, wasn't they?

And God was bringing His people out to the Promised Land. Is that right? And **Israel never received one plague**. Just as the plagues... Before it went, they went into Goshen. Is that right? And the sun never did dim out; no mosquitoes come; no frogs was there; no lice was there; no storms was there; no lightning was there; no killing of the cattle was there; and everything they had was preserved in Goshen. Is that right? **It's a type of the church going just before the tribulation period**. Jesus said, "When these things begin to come to pass, lift up your head, your redemption is nigh." See? I believe that the moon and sun and stars... And they said that... I'll go ahead and read It, said, "And man run and hid themselves in the-- and fell upon their--sought to kill themselves, and couldn't do it, and everything." I believe that takes place **just before** the tribulation.

**Questions & Answers Genesis Jeffersonville IN 07-29-53**

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...

**The Seal of God Jeffersonville IN 05-14-54**

What is a cancer? What caused that thing? Let's take a cancer, or anything you wish to take: tubercular, pneumonia, whatever you wish to, any disease. Diseases are germs.

Let me pass something, here quickly, as our time's a going. Listen, did you know the Bible predicts that in the last days, that they'll be a germ warfare? That diseases will break out upon the people, and **will fall on everyone without the baptism of the Holy Spirit?** But with the Angel or who had charge over these plagues was given orders to **touch no one on whom the mark was. ....**

But look, friend, the time is coming, that when there is rising up a church. If we can't have faith for Divine healing, how are we going to have for the Rapture? We've got to move out, friend. We've got to get out of this old, slow, church condition that we're in. Step out. Launch out. Cut the shorelines, and get out into somewhere, where you lose all senses of fear and doubt, out there where all things are possible, brother, just as free as it can be. You've got

your sail set towards heaven, and nothing can stir you no way. You're gone that way; that's all. Nothing can harm you. **Now, that's the kind of a church it's going to be, one of these days, according to the Bible.**

Where the Angel poured out His wrath and diseases broke out, and men even rotted in their flesh where they were standing. And the fowl of the air come down and eat off of the shoulders, and eat the flesh of chief-captains, and great mans, and presidents, and warriors, and diplomats, and potentates, and everything. Eat... But the Angel was given charge, "Don't you come near anyone that's got the seal of God in their forehead." It's going to be a... One of these days Divine healing's going to be a great thing among the people. So let's get in condition. God wants us... You say, "Well, Brother Branham, you say, 'Let us.'" That's what God's a waiting on. God... We're waiting on Jesus to return, **and Jesus is waiting on us.** You say, "Well, how--what can we do about it." The Bible said the hour has come, and His Bride has made herself ready (Hallelujah.), **made herself ready.**

**Gods Provided Way of Healing Chicago IL 07-19-54 A**

Today we need Divine healing worse than we ever needed it. And as the days go on, on and on, so will it be more and more needed. And it'll come to pass after while, that unless a man is sealed with the Holy Ghost, his heart, until he's laid himself open to all kinds of things. Come not nigh, any of those who has the seal of God in their forehead, when them tremendous plagues begin to fall. We're at the junction, the crossroads now.....

When the plagues was falling, Noah was at rest in safety. Who had been laughed at, had then entered into the rest. Those who they laugh and make fun of today because you desire to live a full surrendered life to the Lord Jesus; they don't realize is you are tucked away under His everlasting arms.....

But you see what happened to them back there who believed? They was secured. Abraham was just as safe as he could be (Amen.), so was Moses. No Plagues bothered him or Israel. Neither did it bother Noah. Enoch was taken up before it ever happened, stand up on the banisters of glory, watching it go on.

**The Junction of Time Jeffersonville IN 01-15-56**

Now, the Scripture, Ephesians 4:30 says this: "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you are sealed until the day of your redemption." How long? Until the day of your redemption. When you receive the Holy Ghost, you come inside, like Israel coming under the blood, they were inside, safely secured, protected from the outside Plagues of Egypt that was going to destroy them. Come into Christ now through the Blood, receive the wedding garment. Christ has give you an invitation to come. Maybe you've held it in some church reverently for years. Come now. Give your invitation to Him and be robed in His righteousness **by receiving His Holy Spirit.** Won't you come?

**God's Provided Way Los Angeles CA 04-15-59 A**

I'm told in the Bible that there'll be a time come for those who are not in this wonderful Son Light, that the fowls of the air will eat the flesh of them, that diseases is on its road, that the doctors will never be able to stop. It's the plagues of God.....

We see the newspapers and the oncoming storm. When you go home tonight, do me one favor, don't go to bed till you read Revelations the 8th chapter. You see the oncoming plagues and storms, that shall hit the earth, and thunders and lightnings are going to shake the heavens. Woes are going to pass over the nation. Men will rot in their flesh. Diseases will strike them the doctors knows nothing about. But remember, before that took place there

was a sealing went forth. And the death angels and the plagues was commissioned by God, "Don't come near any of those who has the Seal in their forehead."

***The Oncoming Storm Phoenix AZ 02-29-60***

Now, the world and nature is groaning, crying; everything's a moving what? For ***the manifestation of the sons of God, when true sons, born sons, filled sons speak and their word is backed.*** I believe we're on the border of it right now. Yes, sir. Say to this mountain, let it be so. "Brother, I--I desire so-and-so, a certain thing done. I'm a believer in Jesus Christ." "I give it to you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ." Amen.

There's a manifestation. "Oh, brother, my crops are burning up out yonder. I haven't had any rain." "I'll send you a rain in the Name of the Lord God...?... bless your crop." Oh, waiting, groaning, all nature, waiting for the manifestations of the sons of God. God ordained it at the beginning. He gave man the domain. He gave Jesus Christ, and Jesus gave it in His Name, with this assurance, "Ask the Father anything in My Name, and I'll do it." Oh, Brother Palmer. ***Waiting for the manifestations of the sons of God,*** the position, the church..... Stand still. ***God's wanting to place His church, sons and daughters of God.*** God, let me live to see it, is my prayer, so close till I can just feel it with my hands almost, look like; it's right there.

That's what I've longed to see, waiting for the time when walk down the street; there lays a cripple laying there from his mother's womb, "Silver and gold have I none...?..." Oh, ***waiting for the manifestations of the sons of God (Hallelujah.), when God will make Himself known, when they'll stop sickness, they'll stop cancer, they'll stop diseases.*** You think cancer's something? The Bible said there's coming a time when men will rot right in their flesh, and the buzzards will eat off of carcasses before they even die. Cancer's a toothache to what's a coming. But, remember, that horrible thing was forbidden in that day to touch those who had the Seal of God. ***That's what we're striving for now, to get in and be positionally placed into the Kingdom of God before these horrible plagues strike.***

***Adoption Jeffersonville IN 05-22-60 E***

How we thank Thee, that in this great hour, that when all hopes of mortal life has finished... Atomic bombs are laying in hangers, hydrogen bombs, sickness and diseases, germ warfare... O God, and everything the way it is, knowing that the Bible said that man would actually rot in their flesh... But that Angel was given commission, "Don't you touch any of those! ***Don't you come near those who has the wine and the oil. Don't touch those who has the seal of God upon their forehead.***"

***God's Provided Way Fellowship Klamath Falls OR 07-09-60***

When God sends forth a message and tells the people, and they don't receive it, then He withdraws His servant and sends His Plagues: famine, death, spiritually speaking, physically also. You watch for a depression, brother. You think you've seen something; you just wait after while. You haven't seen nothing. 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.

***Jezebel Religion Middletown OH 03-19-61***

## 6. SEAL ONLY THOSE WHO SIGH AND CRY FOR THE ABOMINATIONS DONE IN THE CITY

### Summary

#### ***The Mark/Seal of Protection for Israel from the destroying angel***

- Just before Israel departed to the land of promise, Ex 12.7,13
- At the end of the Jewish kingdom, Ezk 9.1-11
- At the end of the present age, Rev 7.1-4; 9.4; 14.1 (Cp 3.12; 22.4)

#### ***Seal only those who sigh and cry***

- in the last days ... A marking angel went through the churches ... the cities, and sealed **only** those who sighed and cried for the abomination done in the city.
- It used to be that men and women used to pray all day. They'd go to church, and preach half the night, and lay on the altar the rest of the night. Find it today. ... "**Only** mark those who have--sigh and cried for the abominations done in the city."
- "Set a seal upon those who sigh and cry for the abominations; **the rest of them, don't come near them. They were very religious, but don't get near them ...**"
- our hearts are unconcerned... Oh, we enjoy a good message ... But, Lord, is sin so a burden to us that it brings tears to our eyes, sighing, crying, and standing against it, the abomination that's did in the city? **Lord, let the Angel of God see that upon us and mark us.**
- "Put a mark upon those who sigh and cry for the abominations that's did in the city," while the investigation judgment's going on, to see who is worthy to escape the wrath ... **only those who cried and sighed for the abominations done in the city.**

#### ***How many would He find?***

- What would take place today if the Holy Ghost went through ... to seal those who would be at home, "O God, look at the sins of the city ... Oh, won't You please send a revival ..." Where would He seal?

#### ***What sigh and cry for?***

- He made out like He was going on, but they constrained Him ... they begged Him. Oh, if we had more begging type of people... do you know the Bible said just for the Holy Ghost to mark those who sigh and cry **for the abominations did in the city?**
- we ought to be on our knees crying **for the sins, and the abomination, and the disgrace that's done into the city.** We seem to be so unconcerned about the lost.
- tell me of a Christian that lays on their face, so **burdened for the sins** ... that they cry and sigh before God day and night.
- we become so ... indifferent, have a little bitty prayer, maybe when we get up ... And **men and women on the street sinning... No more burden for the lost**
- The conference we need tonight ... is ... an old fashion prayer meeting ... where we can get back to where brotherly love exists, where the Spirit of God can come into our hearts, and make us so miserable for **the things that's going on in the world.**
- The old fashioned mourner's bench has been taken out. There is **no more weeping.**
- no more moaning, no more sighing, **crying for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.**

#### ***If no sighing, do they have the Holy Ghost?***

- If that Angel come to this city tonight and went through the **Pentecostal** churches where would he find men that sighs, and cries, and begs all night long in prayer for the abomination that's done in the city? **Who would he mark?**

- If that Angel come to this city tonight and went through the **Pentecostal** churches ... **We're going to find out who's got the Holy Ghost pretty soon.**
- we better check upon our experience... **the Holy Ghost is only going to anoint in the last days those who sigh and cry for the abomination that's did in the city.**
- Is your heart so concerned about the sinners, and the way the church and the people are doing, till you can sigh and cry about it day and night? **If not so, I'm wondering.**
- tell me of a Christian that lays on their face, so burdened for the sins ... that they cry and sigh before God day and night. **Tell me where that person is; I can show you the mark of the Holy Ghost.** For the Bible said, "**Mark only those who sigh and cry for the abominations did the city.**"

#### **The professed signs of the Spirit are not enough**

- ..... you claim to have the Holy Spirit? He said, "Don't seal any of them but them that sigh and cry for the abominations that's done in the city." Now, where's anybody so burdened about the world now and their condition?
- I can show you people that jump up-and-down and cry in a church; ... that shout and run all over the building; ... that prophesy, and it comes to pass; ... who speak in tongues, and run up and down the buildings, and say things that actually interpret and it comes to pass; but where is that person that sighs and cries for the abominations that's did in the city?
- I can show you ten thousand speaking in tongues to one that's really burdened for sin... That can't even pray a hour. But did you know the Bible said to mark **only** those who sighed and cried for the abominations in the city?
- Don't you think because you've spoke with tongues, or you know so much about the Scriptures, or you've read somebody's books, and know more than the other fellow. He said, "Put a mark on those that sigh and cry for the abominations that's did in the city." **Who would He mark... tonight?**... You say, "I've shouted... I've danced in the Spirit... I've all these other things... But where is that something, Brother Branham, that squeezes me down and puts a burden on me for lost souls, till I just can't rest ...." Now, **that's the only kind that's going in.** That's what the Bible said. "Put a seal only on those that sigh and cry for the abominations that's done in the city."
- They like to come in, lay their little hands on them by the hundreds, and they carry on and dance, maybe, or something another like that. That's all right, but that's just the attributes.
- You say, "Brother Branham, how can you tell then when a Christian?"... let me tell you what the Scripture says. ... "Go through the city ... and put a mark upon their forehead, of them that sigh and cry for the abominations, correcting those things."

#### **Only those with the seal are secure from destruction**

- the Angel was commissioned to put a seal upon them and mark them. And **they was the one who would not be destroyed.**
- set a mark upon those who sigh and cry for the abominations did in the city. **The rest of them, let the destroying Angel destroy them." No matter how much members they was and how many of the things they done**

#### **After the sealing, the destruction**

- **After that** come the slaughtering angels ... which is coming right away; ...there was nothing that they couldn't touch but them that had the mark.
- when ... the Angel returned back and said, "I got everyone that was crying and sighing, ... burdened for the sins of the city." He said, "All right now, Angels, you with the slaughtering weapons, go forward and slaughter utterly everything."

### **QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS JEFF.IN 54-0103M**

86-171 ... the first time the Angel of God went over the lands to seal with the Holy Ghost; **He only sealed those who cried and sighed for the abominations done in the city:** Ezekiel the 9th chapter. Is that right? Set a seal upon the forehead of those who sigh and cry for the abominations that's done in the city. Now, I want to ask you a question ... What would take place today if the Holy Ghost went through Jeffersonville, New Albany, and Louisville, to seal those this afternoon who would be at home, "God, send a revival, just so hungry for a meeting. O God, look at the sins of the city. Oh, isn't it terrible, God? Oh, won't You please send a revival, God. Send some good preacher, send someone. O Lord, let the Holy Ghost just... "Where-would He seal? Think of that?"

96-227 ..... The Gospel's been preached. You don't hear **no more crying, no more moaning, no more sighing, crying for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.** They like to come in, lay their little hands on them by the hundreds, and they carry on and dance, maybe, or something another like that. That's all right, but that's just the attributes.

96-229 The Person Christ Jesus produces the real thing, and keeps that person secured in Christ until He comes. There He is. And now, and that's why there's no more crying; the doors is just about shut. The message has went forth; it's about its last time, just a few to pull like that to get into the Kingdom of God. The doors are closing.

### **SEAL.OF.GOD JEFF.IN 54-0514**

197 Notice, "Go here," He said, "You go through the city, and You put a mark upon them that sigh and cry for the abomination that's done in the city." And then He said, "After You do that..." He turned these men with the slaughtering weapons forth, and they went forth and slayed everything.

### **MARK.OF.CHRIST LA.CA 55-0312**

E-37 I want to ask you something. If that same Angel came to the city, which was the Holy Spirit, dressed in white, like to His purity. If that Angel come to this city tonight and went through the **Pentecostal** churches, where in the world would he find men that sighs, and cries, and begs all night long in prayer for the abomination that's done in the city. **Who would he mark? We're going to find out who's got the Holy Ghost pretty soon.** Sighing and crying... Why we become so brazen, so indifferent, have a little bitty prayer, maybe when we get up, and "God bless me, and Mary, and Martha and all the rest of the family." The rest of them do the best they can. And men and women on the street sinning... You know that's true. No more burden for the lost, just let them go any way, as long as we can proselyte a little bit and help our cause out, fix our denomination up so they could be the biggest, and get more people into the church, then we just satisfied. Brother, that's good old fashion castor oil, but it'll fix you up. That's right. Amen. I hope you get it.

E-38 "Just so that my organization, I--I become the chief presbyter next year, and maybe I'll be a district man or something." That's all the preacher about cares about anymore. Come on, preacher, we're going to take it with them. That's right. Oh, my, pulling feathers in the hat and so forth, when we ought to be on our knees crying for the sins, and the abomination, and the disgrace that's done into the city. We seem to be so unconcerned about the lost. Amen. Amen.

E-42 "Set a seal upon those who sigh and cry for the abominations; the rest of them don't come--come near them. They were very religious, but don't get near them; just let them alone. They're not interested, and they wasn't interested in my work; I'm not interested in them now." God give them their chance, they wouldn't listen to it, so go on. So when that was fulfilled, then all the Angel returned back and said, "I got everyone that was crying and sighing, burdened for the sins of the city." He said, "All right now, Angels, you with the slaughtering weapons, go forward and slaughter utterly everything." And that was fulfilled.

E-43 In the day that when Jesus Christ was crucified, sent back. He said, "Did you... Blaspheme Me, you'll be forgiven. But when you blaspheme the Holy Ghost, it'll never be forgiven." For the people wasn't sealed; the work of God wasn't finished yet; the sacrifice wasn't made; Jesus hadn't been crucified; the Holy Ghost hadn't come. But on the day of Pentecost when there came a sound from heaven like a rushing mighty wind, and those Jews that had been crying and sighing for the abomination did in the city... They were in a upper room all in one accord, not saying, "My church is better than yours. And I--I belong to this over here, and our church has the best steeple." They were all in one place cooperating in the revival, and all in one accord. For they had the promise of something.....

**HEAR.YE.HIM OAKLAND.CA 57-0322**

E-40 It used to be that men and women used to pray all day. They'd go to church, and preach half the night, and lay on the altar the rest of the night. Find it today. And the Bible said, "Only mark those who have--sigh and cried for the abominations done in the city." Where would He mark in Oakland tonight, if He come through marking? Men and women so sincere about lost souls that they cry and pray day and night for the lost of the city, where's it at? We don't have it. What does the Holy Spirit say then when It comes before the Father? What does He say about His church, His children?

**EVIDENCE.OF.THE.RESURRECTION JEFF.IN 58-0406E**

E-25 And these disciples said, "Come and abide. Stay with us through the darkness, for it's getting late." And He made out like He was going on, but they constrained Him. In other words, they begged Him. Oh, if we had more begging type of people... Sister, brother, do you know the Bible said just for the Holy Ghost to mark those who sigh and cry for the abominations did in the city?

E-27 No one begging, "Oh, Lord, God come to me quickly or I'll perish. Oh, pass me not, oh Savior. You was omnipotent, You Who are omnipresent, come and dwell in my heart, oh Lord."

It's even hard to get a man or a woman to raise their hands to accept the Lord Jesus as Savior. The old fashioned mourner's bench has been taken out. There is no more weeping. There is no more crying at the altar.

**BEHOLD.I.STAND.AT.THE.DOOR GREENVILLE.SC 58-0617**

E-72 ..... **What He wants to do is to give you Himself:** Love, the love of God, the abundant Life in your heart that makes you love everybody, makes you love Him till you can't rest. Remember, the Bible said that when the Holy Ghost went forth to seal those for the Kingdom, the Holy Ghost was bidden to only seal those who cried and sighed, day and night for the abomination that was done in the city. Can anybody raise your hand tonight and tell me of a Christian, one in Greenville, that lays on their face, so burdened for the sins of Greenville, that they cry and sigh before God day and night? **Tell me where that person is; I can show you the mark of the Holy Ghost.** For the Bible said, "**Mark only those who sigh and cry for the abominations did the city.**"

**STRAIT.IS.THE.GATE JEFF.IN 59-0301M**

112 "How many's going in?" I don't know how many's going: only thing is, "God, let me be one of them." That's it. So He's the Judge. "Let me be one." You say, "Brother Branham, how can you tell then when a Christian?" I don't know. But let me tell you what the Scripture says. Surely you believe That. When the Holy Ghost was sent to the earth, God spoke through the Holy Ghost. He sent an angel firth--forth first and He said, "Go through the city and among the people, and put a mark upon their forehead, of them that sigh and cry for the abominations, correcting those things."

115 What is abomination? A woman that'll put on a garment that pertains to a man. It makes God sick. ....

160 And when we see our hearts are unconcerned... Oh, we enjoy a good message to listen on the radio, or go to the church. We appreciate a good message. We don't mind speaking of Jesus somewhere. But, Lord, is sin so a burden to us that it brings tears to our eyes, sighing, crying, and standing against it, everything, the abomination that's did in the city? Lord, let the Angel of God see that upon us and mark us. Grant it, Lord. Even so, come, Lord Jesus, now and prepare our hearts, and give us Thy true signs that You're in our midst, that we might know that we're receiving the last sign before the end of this generation.

**WHAT.DOES.THOU.HERE JEFF.IN 59-0301E**

E-42 ..... **Don't you think because that you've spoke with tongues, or that you know so much about the Scriptures, or you've read somebody's books, and you know more than the other fellow.** He said, "Put a mark on those that sigh and cry for the abominations that's did in the city." Who would He mark in our cities tonight?

E-43 See, it's the depths of the Spirit, not the shallowness. It's not the shell on the-on the hickory nut that's good; it's the hickory nut under the shell. You got a big empty shell; you got nothing under there. What we need tonight is the depth of God's love. And when Elijah heard that still small voice, nothing bothered him. What have you heard in all of it? You'll be going in a few days. You heard Billy Graham; you'll hear Oral Roberts; you'll hear others, great men. Nothing against those men, they're God's servants. But don't listen to the noise. Hear that still small voice, that depths of something that comes into the human heart that takes all foolishness away from you. It takes all the world away from you. It makes you hate the things of the world and love the things of God. That's the depths. That's the pool that reflects the stars of God's eternal glory. That's the thing that brings forth tears to the eyes, brings joy unspeakable and full of glory. It makes you stand when all other things will fail you. It makes... When sickness comes, or even death itself, it's still got the reflection of God's blessings in it. That little pool that's deep and reflects the heavens, not the rippling noise of the water. Rippling waters are not very deep. It's still water's that runs deep.

E-53 .....You say, "I've shouted with the Jessups. I've--I've danced in the Spirit with the Musical Harps. I've all these other things. I've done all that. But where is that something, Brother Branham, that squeezes me down and puts a burden on me for lost souls, till I just can't rest because of it." Now, **that's the only kind that's going in.** That's what the Bible said. "Put a seal only on those that sigh and cry for the abominations that's done in the city." Oh, that's where we need it, friends. Let's pray again.

**LIVING.DYING.BURIED.RISING.COMING LA.CA 59-0403**

E-16 ... In Ezekiel the 9th chapter... when the Holy Spirit was sent forth to seal the people that would go in that day, He said, "Go through the city and put a mark upon the forehead of those that sigh and cry for the abominations that's did in the midst of the city." Then to the slaughtering Angels, "Go after them, and utterly destroy everything that doesn't have this seal." Now, you ... go through Los Angeles tonight, and you mark, in the Name of the Lord Jesus, every person that's so concerned about the sins of the city until they cry and sigh, day and night, for the abominations done. Bring me the eight here tomorrow night.

**WHAT.HEAREST.THOU.ELIJAH LA.CA 59-0412E**

E-15 ..... as I said the other night, people, we better check upon our experience. For **the Holy Ghost is only going to anoint in the last days those who sigh and cry for the abomination that's did in the city.**

**CONFERENCES PHOENIX.AZ 60-0228**

E-50 The conference we need tonight in America, as same as here at Phoenix, and across the world everywhere, is a conference of an old fashion prayer meeting, of a place that

where we can get back to the place where brotherly love exists, where the Spirit of God can come into our hearts, and make us so miserable for the things out here that's going on in the world. You know the sealing Angel said, "Put a mark upon those who sigh and cry for the abominations that's did in the city," **while the investigation judgment's going on, to see who is worthy to escape the wrath. The Angel was to seal only those who cried and sighed for the abominations done in the city.**

#### **TEN.VIRGINS JEFF.IN 60-1211M**

72 ..... you claim to have the Holy Spirit? He said, "**Don't seal any of them but them that sigh and cry for the abominations that's done in the city.**" Now, where's anybody so burdened about the world now and their condition? ... Oh, not that constant burden for the lost, that sweetness. Don't never let anything rise up and put bitterness in your soul. No matter how bad anyone ever treats you or anything, don't never... Don't be guilty of letting that thing anchor in your soul. **It'll grieve the Holy Spirit away from you.** It certainly will.

#### **ABRAHAM.RESTORED LONG.BEACH.CA 61-0211**

E-66 ..... Let me give you a little warning, Ezekiel the 9th chapter, the Bible said, told the marker with the--with the Holy Spirit, "Go through the city and set a mark upon those who sigh and cry for the abominations that's did in the city." ... Don't mark nobody else but them. Count on your fingers and hold them up to me, how many people can anyone in this building mark that sighs and cries day and night for the abomination done in this city? I don't see a finger. "Set a seal **only** on those who sigh and cry for the abominations did in the city."

#### **EXPECTATIONS RICHMOND.VA 61-0308**

E-80 Clergymen, could you mark out on your hands ten people tonight in this city that's sighing and crying, day and night, for the wickedness and things that's done in the city? Does anybody in this audience know where you could put your fingers on five people that sigh and cry day and night for the sins and things of the city? Well now, the Bible said set a mark upon those who sigh and cry for the abomination did in the city. That's right. That's it. See? No more burden for lost souls; it's all gone.

#### **FORSAKING.ALL TEMPE.AZ 62-0123**

E-115 O God, but... I look down through it, and think what's the use of even trying? But then I look down through there and see a little light here and there, of consecrated Christians praying. All they that sigh and cry for the abomination that's did in the midst of the city, the Angel was commissioned to put a seal upon them and mark them. And **they was the one who would not be destroyed.**

#### **FEAST.OF.THE.TRUMPETS JEFF.IN 64-0719M**

30-1 ..... Who was it killed the Jews? Who was Titus? A Roman general. And the blood rolled out the gates down there, up to the--the... Slaughter them little women, children, and everything. Didn't Ezekiel 9 say they'd do that? Go through the midst of the city and set a mark upon the people who sigh and cry, the--the Holy Spirit. And the rest of them, the slaughtering man come forth, that would be bound ("Hold them. Hold them." until they went forth), and slaughtered everything that was in there. Little women--women, children, babies, and everything else, they were all slaughtered. Exactly, here it is again repeating itself. And here is that ecclesiastical system coming right back, smothering out, tramping out everything that's called God.

#### **QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS JEFF.IN 64-0830M**

1077-70 He told the sealing Angels (Ezekiel 9, that's right), He said, "Take... Go through the city and set a mark upon those who sigh and cry for the abominations did in the city. **The rest of them, let the destroying Angel destroy them.**" **No matter how much members**

**they was and how many of the things they done**, said, "Put a..." And a man with--a ink horn writer, dressed in white (which represented the Holy Spirit) came forth and put a mark upon all them that sighed and cried for the abominations done in the city. Now, you say... And watch what he said in there also. "slay utterly, little children, old women, babies, kill them all." Little children? Yes. ....

1078-74 Who sigh and cry for the abominations that's did in the city... Where do you see that? ***I can show you ten thousand speaking in tongues to one that's really burdened for sin... That can't even pray a hour.*** But did you know the Bible said to mark ***only*** those who sighed and cried for the abominations in the city? How many ever read it? Sure. That was the Holy Spirit come forth to mark the people, and said to the destroying Angel, "Go forth and destroy everything that doesn't have that mark upon them." And ***the mark of God is the Holy Ghost; is a Seal of God.*** Now, where is them people that's that interested? ***I can show you people that jump up-and-down and cry in a church; I can show you people that shout and run all over the building; I can show you people that prophesy, and it comes to pass; I can show you those who speak in tongues, and--and run up and down the buildings, and say things that actually interpret and it comes to pass; but where is that person that sighs and cries for the abominations that's did in the city?*** Where's that burdened soul? You could turn some new leaves on that. See what I mean?

#### **LEADERSHIP COVINA.CA 65-1207**

320 Now, look at yourself. Really, are you a genuine Bible Christian, full of love of God? You remember, the Bible said, ***in the last days*** when this time takes place, He said, ***"A marking angel went through the churches, went through the cities, and sealed only those who sighed and cried for the abomination that was done in the city."*** Is that right? Ezekiel 9, we know that's true. The marking Angel went forth and put a mark on their head, forehead, sealed them, "Them that sighed and cried." ***After that come the slaughtering angels*** from the four corners of the earth, which is coming right away; we see it coming, wars moving right in that'll kill the whole earth off. And there was nothing that they couldn't touch but them that had the mark. Now, pick out... Is your heart so concerned about the sinners, and the way that the church and the people are doing, till you can sigh and cry about it day and night? If not so, I'm wondering. That's the Scripture.