
THE SECOND SEAL



Good evening, friends. Let us all stand just a moment for prayer, if you will.

² Our Heavenly Father, we have assembled again in this solemn assembly, tonight, in the service of the Lord. And Thou has promised that wherever we would meet together, as many as two or three of us, that You would be in the midst of us. And we can be assured that You are here, for we have assembled in His Name.

³ Now we pray, Father, that—that You will come tonight and will break this Second Seal for us. And as the—the poet has said, he would like to look apast the curtain of time. And that's our desire, Lord, is just to—just to look apast and see what lays ahead. And we pray that the Lamb that had been slain, will come among us now and break the Seal, and—and reveal It to us, the things we have need to see.

⁴ There be some here, Lord, who has not yet entered into this great fellowship around Christ. We pray that, tonight, that they'll make that Eternal decision, be filled with the Spirit of God.

⁵ If there be any sick, Father, we pray that You'll heal them. There are many handkerchiefs laying here that I'm holding my hands upon, in commemoration of the—of the Bible, of Saint Paul, where they taken from his body handkerchiefs and aprons. Unclean spirits left the people, and they were heal.

⁶ We see the near Coming of the Lord. We know that time is drawing nigh. These things has returned again to the Church, after nineteen hundred years.

⁷ Now we pray, Father, that You'll grant these things we ask for. Strengthen Thy servant, and help Thy servants everywhere, Lord, and especially we who are assembled here tonight, that we might be able to receive the Word. We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

⁸ Certainly good to be back in the house of the Lord again tonight. And I know so many of you is standing, I—I'm sorry about that, but there's just hardly anything more we can do. We—we got the—the church just as . . . increased it to where we can get three or four, three hundred or four hundred more in. But in the special meetings this way, it—it carries a little heavier crowd.

⁹ Now, oh, I'm just having a wonderful time, praying, and studying these—these Seals. I hope you all are, too. [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] I'm—I'm sure you are. And if It's meaning

as much to you as It is to me, it's certainly a . . . you're having a wonderful time. And I got a . . .

¹⁰ I want to call a girl friend of mine, after the service. And this is her birthday. She is twelve years old today, Sarah, my daughter. And next, then, day after tomorrow, I'll have to make another call, 'cause it's Becky's birthday.

¹¹ And now, tonight, we are studying this Second Seal. And for the first four Seals there is four horse riders. And I tell you, today something happened again. And, I—I, something that I . . . I go and get the old script that I had, that I talked on, long ago, and just set down there. And I thought, "Well, I—I did the very best I could." And many writers and things, and I thought, "Well, I'll read a little while, and look over and see *this* and *that*." And the first thing you know, something just happens, and it's altogether different. It just comes in different. Then I grab me a pencil right quick, and start writing down just as fast as I can, while He's there.

¹² Oh, it just something happened just about one-half hour ago. I was telling Brother Wood, coming down, just a few minutes ago. Just something, you know. You know, there's a lot of things happen, you just can't talk about, you know. But just something just took place that just helped me so much.

¹³ I got a friend here somewhere in the building. Course, you're all my friends. This—this brother is Brother Lee Vayle. He's a precious brother, and a real student of the Scripture. Dr. Vayle is a Baptist with the Holy Ghost. And he's a . . . I don't say this complimentary, I just say this because I believe it. I think he's one of the best versed students that I know of, along our ranks. And he just wrote me a little note here, and was sent it in there by Billy. And Billy couldn't hardly make it out, to me. And I think . . . I haven't read it over, but I was just going to say what he said here. And I just read it, Brother Vayle, if you are here. I just read this about six months ago.

¹⁴ "I'm not positive," he said. "Brother Bill, I'm not positive, but I believe that Polycarp was a student of Saint John." That's correct. He was. "I think Irenaeus was a student of—of Polycarp." That's correct, exactly. "Irenaeus said, 'Jesus will return—will return when the last elected member of the Body of Christ comes in.'"

¹⁵ That was Irenaeus, about four hundred years at the . . . after the death of Christ. He said, "When this last age comes in . . ." Now, that's in the—the Pre-Nicaea Council. You fellows here, that

read the—the . . . study Scripture, and study the . . . I mean, study the history of the Bible, you find that in pre- . . . in the Pre-Nicaea Council. And I think it's the first book or the second book, you—you'll find it. And now, he saw it, years ago, that he said, "At the last, last—last one elected, that elected."

¹⁶ People thinks that election is something that's just been—that's just been something hatched up here lately. My! That's one of the oldest teachings that we have: election and calling. And so Irenaeus, certainly, the real students of the Scripture, always believed in election.

¹⁷ And so Irenaeus was one of the—the angels of the church age, as we seen, as we studied. We believe. Course, now, they were all mysteries. They're all here, right, hid right here in these Seals, you see. And they are to be revealed in the last day. How they started off with Paul, and—and Irenaeus, and Martin, and so forth, down, and has come on down to the last age.

¹⁸ And, now, we're trusting now that the Lord will bless us in our efforts tonight. Now we been . . . The First Seal, I certainly enjoyed that. The First Seal, the blessings that went with It, to me!

¹⁹ And now I—I don't want to keep you too long. But, you see, I—I'll be going now just again, in a few nights, and after this is over. And we have to just kind of suffer a little while. And I appreciate . . .

²⁰ I see Brother Junior Jackson standing there. I . . . And I thought I seen Brother Ruddell, a few moments ago, here somewhere. And them brethren, that's our sister churches that has let out, and the others. We certainly appreciate it. And I see Brother Hooper, I believe, standing up along the wall there, from Utica, the church there. And we certainly appreciate your all's fine cooperation in this.

²¹ Now, last evening, as we always like, in teaching on the—on the Seals, we teach it the same way you do on the—on the—the church ages. And when we got finished with teaching the church age, the last time when I drewed them out here on the—on the pulpit, on a board, how many remembers what took place? He came right down, went right back on the wall, in a Light, and drewed it off, Himself, right there on the wall, before us all. The Angel of the Lord stood right here before several hundred people.

²² And now He's—He's doing something real supernatural now, too, and so we're just expecting great things. We don't know . . . You like to just wait for that—that great anticipation, just don't

know what's going to happen next, you know, just—just waiting. Now, how great God is to us, and how wonderful! We so appreciate Him!

23 Now, the 1st and 2nd verse, I'll read It, to kind of give a little background. And then we'll take the 3rd and 4th verse, for the Second Seal. And then the 5th and 6th verse is the Third Seal. And the 7th and 8th is the . . . Two verses to each horse rider. And now I want you to watch how these fellows . . . On this pale horse, maybe . . . Here it comes, just keeps changing as it goes down.

24 And then that great, last Seal to be opened, if God willing, next Sunday night! That, when it happened, there was just, only thing that taken place, "was silence in Heaven for a half hour." God help us.

25 Now I'll read the 3rd verse now.

And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.

And there went out another horse . . . (4th verse) . . . that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, . . . that they should kill one another . . . they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

26 Now, a mysterious thing now, when the—the Beast told John, "Just come and see." And he didn't see what it was. He just saw a symbol. And that symbol, the reason it . . . He said, "Come, see," but he saw a symbol, that he was to symbolize it to the church, in a way that they would watch; until it came to the last age, and then the Seal would be opened.

27 Now, everyone understands that now, see, the Seals would be opened. And aren't you happy to be living in this day? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] That, see, not only that, friends, but always remember now, last Sunday morning, where the whole thing was based on, simplicity! See? Simple, humble, happens in such a way that people just go right on by and don't even know It happens.

28 And, remember, we are looking for the Coming of the Lord, anytime. And when we . . . I made a statement, that I perhaps the Rapture would be the same way. It'll be gone, over, and no one will know nothing about it. It'll just come like that. See? And usually . . . Just go on back through the Bible and look how it happens like that. See?

29 Even as great a thing as the Lord Jesus coming, nobody knew nothing about it. They thought, "That crank, somebody." The

churches said, "Just a fanatic. We . . . He is really crazy." Said, "He's a madman." "We know thou art mad." *Mad* means "crazy." "We know you got a devil, and it's run you crazy. And you try to teach us? When, you were born out there, illegitimately. We . . . You was born in fornication. Try to teach men like us, the priests, and so forth, the temple?" Well, my, that was an insult to them.

³⁰ When John came, been talked about, down through the ages, from Isaiah to Malachi. That's twelve hundred . . . or seven hundred and twelve years, he had been seen of the prophets, coming. Everybody was looking for him to come, expecting it at any time. But the way he come, he preached and done his service, and went on into Glory.

³¹ And even the apostles didn't know it, for they asked Him. They said, "Now, if—if the Son of man is going to Jerusalem, all these things, to be offered," said, "why is it the Scripture says that 'Elias is going to come first'?"

³² Jesus said, "He's already come, and you didn't know it. And he did just exactly what the Scripture said he would do. And they did to him just what was listed." See? And they couldn't understand it. He said, "It was John."

And, then, "Oh!" See, they—they woke up, to it. They . . .

³³ And when, even, at last, after all the things He—He had done, and the signs that He did show them, and had even called them. Said, "Which one of you can condemn Me of sin, unbelief? If I haven't done just what the Scripture said that My office would do when I come to the earth, then show Me where I've sinned. See? Then I'll—I'll show you what you're supposed to be, and let's see whether you believe it, or not." See? He'd have come right back and said, "You was supposed to believe on Me when I come." They didn't do it, see, so they knowed better than to tie in on Him, on that. But He said, "Which one of you can accuse Me of unbelief? See? Haven't I done just what it was?"

³⁴ And even the apostles, going along, stumbled. We know how the Scriptures go. Then finally, at last, they said, "Now we believe. We believe that no man has to tell You, for You know all things."

³⁵ Now, I'd just liked to have seen His face. He must have looked at them, said, "Well, do you now believe? Finally it dawned on you." Well, it wasn't supposed to be, maybe, till that time, you see. And God works everything just right, you know. I—I love Him for that.

³⁶ But now we're thinking of our age now. Cause, I get to talking on that, we won't get into these Seals, at all.

37 And now, remember, I'm getting much requests for prayer for the sick. And I'm praying for the . . . all the time, for every request I get, and for the handkerchiefs and things. And if we can get these Seals finished, up to the last Seal, Sunday morning we . . . If it be the will of the Lord, we'd like to have just a good old-fashion healing service here, you know, where you just take the entire morning for praying for the sick. And I—I'm pretty sure it'll be a strange healing meeting. See? I just have a feeling like that, you see. And so, not strange, but it may be a little strange to some, see, what I mean.

38 Now, how great is God's grace, to reveal His secrets to us in this day! Now, we all will believe that we're living in the last day. We believe that. And remember, the secrets was to be revealed in the last day. And how does He reveal His Word, His secrets? The Bible said. Would you like to read where He says it? Let's just turn over and see how He reveals His secrets.

39 Now I want you to read Amos. Turn over to the Book of Amos, and I want you to read in the 3rd chapter of Amos, and the 7th verse. All right. I'll read the 6th verse, too.

Shall a trumpet . . . blow in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD has not done it?

Surely the Lord . . . will do nothing, but he revealeth his secrets unto his servants the prophets.

40 Now, in the last days, we are . . . It's predicted to us that there will rise a—a prophet.

41 Now, we know that we've had all kinds. Now, I realize, after looking around tonight, I—I'm speaking here where students are sitting, and I—I'd like for you to understand me. And you realize, these tapes cover the world, see, just about all the world. And I'd want you to not, by no means, think that I am trying to inject some kind of a—a cult of Elijah's blankets or robes. And all—all those things, we've had plenty of them. But, you know, all those things are only a forerunning of the real thing that is to come, to throw the people off.

42 Did you know we had false—false leaders raised up, false messiahs, before Christ come? Didn't, did not the . . . The teacher of that day, that mighty teacher, Gamaliel, when the—the question come up about beating these men, and so forth, he said, "Let them alone. If it's of God, why, you'll be find fighting against God. But if it isn't of God . . ." Said, "Didn't a man raise up, not long ago, and take four hundred into the wilderness, and so

forth? We have those things.” What was it? All forerunning the real Thing when It come.

43 Now, see, Satan raises those up. Watch the shrewdness of this fellow that we’re talking about here, Satan, where we’re unfolding him right here; just stripping him down, by the Scriptures, and letting you see who he is. That’s what the . . . what is supposed to be done.

44 And, you remember, he has not tried to go in and be a communist, Satan hasn’t. He’s an antichrist. “So close, that,” Jesus said, “would deceive the very Elected. . .” And that’s the Ones that’s hid down in these Seals, whose names are on the Book since the foundation of the world.

45 He is a shrewd fellow. And when he sees this thing coming, coming up, then he throws everything he can out there, to upset it ‘fore it gets there. Did you know there will be false christs arise in the last days? It should follow immediately after this, after this great Message that this brother will speak, that will actually come, be anointed in the spirit of Elijah, immediately.

46 And they’ll mistake him. Some of them will think he is the Messiah. But he’ll strictly say, “No.” Because, it’s got to be come in like John.

47 In the time of John the Baptist, when he came out there to preach, they said to him, “Aren’t you the Messiah? Aren’t you He?”

48 He said, “I am not. I’m not worthy to loose His shoes. But I—I baptize you with water, but He’ll baptize with the Holy Ghost.” And John was so sure that He was on earth, he said, “He is among you, somewhere, now.”

49 But he didn’t know Him till he saw that sign come down upon Him. Then, when he seen that Light coming down and spread out like a dove, and lit upon Him, he said, “There He is. That’s Him.” But John was the only one saw It, you know. John was the only one heard the Voice. All the rest of them there, no one heard It.

50 But then when the real, true servant comes on; with all the impersonation to it, it’s to upset the people’s mind. Satan does that. And those who can’t discern right from wrong, they just tumble over. But the Elected won’t do it; the Bible said he wouldn’t be able to deceive the Elected. And now, just before the Coming of Christ, the Bible said, “There would be false christs arise, and would claim to be Christ, and would say, ‘Lo, the people say He’s in the desert.’ Don’t believe it. ‘Lo, He’s in the secret chamber.’ Don’t believe it.”

51 “For as the sun shineth from the east unto the west, so shall the Coming of the Son of man be.” See? Yes, He’ll—He’ll—He’ll appear, and it’ll be a universal thing. And now that will, now, of course, when they find out that something has taken place, you see, then they’ll. . . Now, remember, that will take place immediately after the going Home of the Church, after the Rapture.

52 Now there’ll be false impersonations, all the time, and we do not mean to be connected in anything like that. No, sir.

53 And I believe, when the person comes, this one that’s predicted to come, I’m showing it only by the Scriptures, that the man will have to be a prophet. He certainly will. And the revelation of God, because God . . . The Word of the Lord comes to His prophets. That’s exactly right. That’s . . . And God cannot change, you see. If He had a better system, He would—He would have used it. But He—He’s got . . . He chose the best system at the beginning.

54 Just like, He could have chose the sun to preach the Gospel. He could have chose the moon. He could a chose the—the wind. But He chose man. And He never did choose groups. Individuals! See?

55 And never two major prophets on the earth at the same time. See, every man is different, he’s got a different make-up. If God could get one person, that’s all He has to have, right in His hand, He can do what He wants to. He just has to have one. In the days of Noah; days of Elijah; days of Moses.

56 Many rose up, in time of Moses. You know how they did, and wanted to say, “Well, you’re not the only holy one in the bunch,” and—and Dathan and—and Korah.

57 And God said, “Just separate yourself. I’ll just open up the earth and swallow them away.” You see? And—and so . . .

58 And then the people got to complaining. He said, “I’ll just—I’ll just take the whole thing away.”

59 And there Moses took the place of Christ, then, to throw hisself in the breach, and say, “Don’t do it, Lord.” See? And, course, he . . . After He had ordained Moses to do this, He didn’t come over Moses, ’cause he was acting like Christ in that time. It was Christ in Moses. Absolutely.

60 Now, we’re so glad today that God is revealing Hisself to us. And I believe the great Day is just begin dawning, breaking. The Lights are begin to flash. The birds of paradise has begin to sing

in the saints' heart. They know that it isn't long now. Something is going to happen, just got to. So if "He does not do anything. . ."

⁶¹ Now, all Scripture is inspired. The Scriptures must absolutely be the Truth. No way around it. There is where I differ with our friends, the Catholic church. I believe that It was not written by just mere man. I believe It was moved by the Holy Spirit. And all these little things that's been added, try to add to It; did you notice, in the solving up, they was every one kicked out.

⁶² And these real, true Scriptures dovetail, one with the other, till there—there is no contradiction in them, nowhere at all. Show me one piece of literature that can—that can write a verse, hardly, without contradicting itself, or write—write a verse, or two. And the Bible does not contradict Itself, anywhere. I've heard the old critics say that, but I've had an offer for him for a long time, to show me where it's at. It isn't in here. It's just because the human mind is confused. God is not confused. He know what He's doing. He knows.

⁶³ Look, if God is going to judge the world by a church, as the Catholic church says it is, all right, then what church is that? Just look at the churches we got. We got nine hundred and something, different organization of churches. Now how . . . One teaches *this* way, and one *that* way. What a confusion, then, anybody just do anything they want to, you go on anyhow. God's got to have some standard, and that's His Word.

⁶⁴ Speaking . . . Not throwing off to the Catholic, now, 'cause the—the Protestant is just as bad. But speaking with a priest, he said, "Mr. Branham," he said, "God is in His church."

⁶⁵ I said, "Sir, God is in His Word. And He is the Word." Yes, sir. He said, "Well, He's in . . . The church is infallible."

⁶⁶ I said, "He don't say that. But He said the Word is infallible."

⁶⁷ He said, "Well, we used to teach that baptism that way, and so forth."

I said, "When?"

Said, "Back in the early days."

I said, "Do you allow that to be the Catholic church?"

He said, "Yes."

⁶⁸ I said, "Then, I'm Catholic, old-fashion Catholic. I believe the old-fashion way. You guys today has got It all messed up, and hardly anything in the Scripture you teach. Intercession with women and dead people, and all these other things, and, oh, my,

non-meat-eating, and, oh, I don't know what all, see." I said, "You find that in the Scripture for me."

69 He said, "It don't have to be there. As long as the church says so, that's it. Don't make any difference what That says, it's the church."

70 I said, "The Bible said, that, 'Whosoever shall add one word to It, or take One away, his part will be taken from the Book of Life.' So, it's the Word! I believe the Word."

71 Now, and, then, if Amos says, and other Scriptures to go with it, that if . . .

72 And you remember, on this, we're just striking the highlights of It. Just, my, if . . . When I get in that room there, and—and that Anointing comes in, if I could write down what He . . . what all goes on, I'd be here for three months on one of the Seals. So just strike the places and let It out, just what it would seem to be that wouldn't choke the people. But, yet, not enough to hurt them, but just so that, believing, it would—it would season the thing. You know what I mean.

73 Now, watch this now, if "God does not do nothing," said Amos, "until first He reveals it to His servants the prophets." And, then, we see what He is doing. It must be that He's fixing to do something, what He is revealing now. God is fixing to move on the scene, in judgment, I believe. He is fixing to do something. And one thing again, it testifies surely, we are in the last days. We're at the end of the age, the Laodicea Church Age now, for these things were to be revealed only at the last day.

74 Now, just think of that now. Let's just—just try to soak in what we believe that the Holy Spirit would have us know.

75 Now remember, "Nothing to be revealed; God will do nothing, at all, until first He reveals it to His servants, the prophets." And before He does anything, He reveals it. And when He reveals it, you can remember this, something is on its road. See, it's being revealed.

76 And these things that we're talking about was to be revealed at the last day, just before the last Trumpet, at the end of the Message of the last church age. That's right. If you want to read that now, you can turn to . . . You, I just referred to you, last night, three times, Revelation 10:1-7, see. "And in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel's Message, the mystery of God would be revealed and finished." And there's only one thing left. When this seven-sealed Book is opened, then the entire mystery of God . . .

77 Why, we've probed at It, through years. And according to the Scripture, then, we . . . There was no way to understand It until this day, because It's been hid. We've seen the symbol, what It was symbolized by, but It could not be correctly revealed until the last day. See? Now, then, we must be there, at the—at the end time.

78 Now, remember. Don't . . . And don't forget now, that, "He does nothing until He reveals it." And don't forget, also, that He does it in such a simple way, that, "The wise and the prudent miss it." Now, if you want to mark that down, that's Matthew 11:25-26. And, remember, "He does nothing till He reveals it." And He reveals it in such a way that the smart, educated people miss it. Remember, it was wisdom that the world desired instead of the Word, when the first sin did what it did. Don't forget that now. Oh, how grateful we should be, to think that!

79 Now just look at the things that happens! Look at the things that He's told us! Look at here in this tabernacle, you people that we been raised up here with. Now I'm going to ask the tapes . . . Well, go ahead, tape it. But, look, I'm just going to say this to the tabernacle people, you that's been here. I charge any of you, in the Name of the Lord Jesus, to ever to put your finger on one thing, of the hundreds of things that's been told before they come to pass, and say they did not come to pass. Tell me one time, that on the platform, out there, wherever it was, that He ever spoke anything that wasn't perfectly just exactly that way. How? Could a human mind be that way? Certainly not.

80 When He appeared down there on the river, thirty-three years ago this coming June, in the form of a Light! You old-timers remember that I told you, since a little boy, that Voice and that Light. And people thought, just kind of a little bit off at the head. Course, I would have probably thought the same thing, somebody said it. But now you don't have to wonder about It now. And the Church hasn't wondered since 1933, down on the river that day, where I was baptizing hundreds of people!

81 I remember that Marra boy told me, said, "You going down to duck those people, Billy?" Little Jim Marra down here, I think he's dead now. I think he got killed out there; some woman shot him. But he—he asked me, "You going down to duck those people?"

82 I said, "No, sir. I'm going to baptize them in the Name of our Lord Jesus."

83 And there was a woman going along in the group. She said to another woman, she said . . . made a remark, something about it.

She said, "Well, I wouldn't mind to be ducked." Said, "That's all right. I don't care."

84 I said, "Go back and repent. You're not fit to be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ." See?

85 This is not nothing to play with. It's the Gospel of Christ, revealed by a commission, the Word. Just, now, if you're saying, "Nonsense and foolishness," you could have placed it somewhere else. But, remember, it's promised in the Word that this would happen, and just exactly what it would be. And here it is.

86 Then, down there that day, when they were standing at the river! And the Angel of the Lord, that I told you that it looked like a—a star or something in a distant, then It got close, and told you how the emerald Light looked. And there It come, right down on the river where I was baptizing.

87 When, businessmen down here in the city, said, "What did that mean?"

88 I said, "That wasn't for me. That was for you. I believe. See? That was for your sake, that God did that, to let you know that I'm telling you the Truth." By being a kid, a boy, like, and about twenty-one years old, they—they wouldn't believe that, you see, because it's too much for a kid. And then I was thinking . . .

89 Brother Roberson here, one of our trustees, I seen him here a few minutes ago. He was telling me the other day about being in Houston when the picture there was taken, that you see. And I was . . . On that debate, I was started to say something about it, the other night. Brother Roy was the only . . . with one more man, was the only person in the group that had a recorder. It was one of them old-fashion wire recorders. I see Brother Roberson now, and his wife. So, and—and this, Mrs. Roberson was sick.

90 Brother Roy was a veteran. And his legs blowed, and they laid him out for dead. He was an officer in the—in the Army. And a German 88 hit this tank that he was with, and it just killed the man, and blowed him to pieces. They laid him out, for dead, for a long time. And they said he never would walk, because both legs was severed, the nerves in them, and things. My, he can almost out-walk me.

91 But what was it? There was something that he seen, and he went to Houston. And he was telling me about his wife. And he's got the—he's got the wire; he's going to fix it on a tape. And after the services is over here, well, he's going to play it for you all, I hope. And on the old wire tape there, he's got my services held in

Houston. And then his wife, he said, got it on there, and he never noticed it till the other day.

⁹² She was, oh, she was so sad. She was sick, and she wanted to get into the prayer line. They never knew me, and I never seen them in my life. So she was sitting at a—a window that day, looking out, and so dreary, you know, and upset, and wishing she could get a prayer card, to get in the line.

⁹³ And, happened to be, that night she got in the line, or night after, or something. I believe, the same night. And she got in the line. And when she got up on the platform, the Holy Spirit told her, said, “Now, you’re not from here. You’re from a city called New Albany.” And said, “You were sitting at a window today, looking out, and all worried about getting a prayer card.” There it is, on the tape, years ago.

⁹⁴ And then at the beginning of the meeting, when the Holy Spirit was there . . . That was the first of the meeting. We was only having about three thousand people, then we went to eight thousand, then to about thirty thousand. So then in the . . . While I was speaking at the . . . One of the very first meetings, I said, “I don’t know why that I’m saying this.” Now, it’s on the tape. “But, it’s, we are . . . This is going to be one of the highlights of my time. Something is going to happen during this meeting, that’s going to be greater than anybody has seen yet.”

⁹⁵ And it was just about eight or nine, ten nights after that, when the Angel of the Lord appeared before around thirty thousand people, and come down, and the picture was taken. There It is, right now, which is copyrighted in Washington, DC, as the only supernatural Being that was ever photographed in the world.

⁹⁶ Then I talked about, you know, saying that sometime, under the discernment, say, “A person is shadowed to death. There is a dark hood, of a shadow. They’re fixing to die.”

⁹⁷ And then up here at East Pines, or Southern Pines, I believe it is, just when I was there in the last meeting. A little lady sitting there, and Something told her, “Take that picture, right quick,” when I was speaking to a lady. And there it was. I think it’ll be on the bulletin board; has been, for quite a while. There is that dark hood hanging right over the lady.

⁹⁸ She shot another picture, as soon as the Holy Spirit announced it. It was gone. Said, “You’re going to be healed. The Lord has healed you. The cancer is gone.” And there it was. And she was healed. See? There you are. See?

99 It just goes to show that God knows what's the time of day it is. We don't. We just have to obey Him.

100 Now we can just keep on talking, but let's get down here now, just a minute, and touch this back Seal, so we can blend this one in with It. Now, just a review, for a few mo- . . . a few moments, the—the other, the First Seal.

101 We notice, in the breaking of the First Seal, Satan has a— a super, religious man. Did you notice that white-horse rider? Which, they, it was thought to be that that was a . . . the early Church going forth; but, oh, my, that's been taught through the years, but it couldn't be. You just watch when the rest of them, when we get them all tied together, then look where it's at, see. Now, and I don't know what the rest of them is going to be, as yet. But I know it's got to come just perfectly in there, because it's the Truth. It's the Truth. That was the hierarchy church of Rome, exactly.

102 These people who think that the Jews are the antichrist, they are certainly a million miles off the line. Don't you never think the Jews are an antichrist. Their eyes were blinded, purposely, that we might have a way to get in, giving us a time of repentance.

103 But the antichrist is a Gentile. Certainly. It is an impersonator of the Truth; *anti*, “against.” Now, this great superman, oh, how he become a great man, and—and then finally was throned. And then, after throned, he was crowned. And now, he, after that, he was worshipped in the stead of God.

104 Now, look, before that ever come. I want to ask you something. Who was that? What was That on Paul, in Second Thessalonians 2:3, that said that man would come? Why did that man look down through the age and see it? He was God's prophet. Certainly. Why was . . .

105 He said, “The Spirit speaks expressingly, that in the latter times that they'd depart from the faith, and would give heed to seducing. . . .” You know what *seduce* is. A seducing spirit in the church, that is clergy. “Seducing, clergy spirit, workings of devils; hypocrisies in the church.”

106 “Heady, highminded,” wisdom, you see, smart, intelligent; “having a form of godliness.” (Just go, say, “Well, we are Christians; we should go to church.”) “Having a form of godliness, but denying the revelations, the Power and the working of the Spirit; from such turn away.” See? Now notice, he said, “For this is the sort that will go from house to house, and will

lead silly women . . .” That don’t mean Holy Ghost women. “Silly women that’s led away with divers lusts.”

¹⁰⁷ Divers lusts! They just like to get in every little thing that they can get into, and all kinds of societies; and live any way they want to, and, still, “We go to church. We’re just as good as anybody.” Dances, parties, cut their hair, paint, dress anything they want to; still, “We’re—we’re Pentecostals. We’re—we’re just as good as anybody.” Oh! Your own works identify you. True. Notice.

¹⁰⁸ But he said, “Men of reprobate mind, concerning Truth.” What is the Truth? The Word, which is Christ. “Concerning the Truth.”

¹⁰⁹ “Oh, you make . . . You, you’re a woman-driver. You’re a woman-hater. You do *this, that*.”

¹¹⁰ No, sir. That’s not right. That’s a—a falsehood. I do not hate women. No, sir. They’re my sisters, if they are sisters. But the thing I . . .

¹¹¹ Love is corrective. If it isn’t corrective, it isn’t love. If it is, then, if it’s love, it’s—it’s phileo love and not agapao, I’ll tell you that. They might have a little phileo love for some nice-looking lady. But agapao love is a different thing, that’s a love that straightens the thing out, and meet God yonder somewhere we can live Eternally. See? I didn’t mean that, maybe, in the way it sounded, but I . . . You know what I—I . . . I hope you understand. All right.

¹¹² Now, but, remember, he said, “As Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so will they. But their folly was soon made manifest.”

¹¹³ Why? When Moses was commissioned to do something that seemed radical, but, he went down there just as honest as he could be. And God told him to take this, this stick, and to throw it down, and it would turn to a serpent. Then, He did it, to show him what it would take place. And before Pharaoh, he stood out there just as God had commissioned him, and throwed down his stick, and it turned to a serpent.

¹¹⁴ And no doubt, Pharaoh said, “A cheap magician trick!” So he goes and gets his Jannes and Jambres. Said, “We can do those things, too.” And he threw down the stick, and they become serpents.

Now what could Moses do?

¹¹⁵ What was it? It was a showing that, every genuine thing of God, the devil has got an impersonator for it. They impersonate, to throw the people off the track.

116 What did Moses do, say, “Well, I guess I made a mistake. I better go back”? He just stood still, for he had carried out his commission, to the letter.

117 Then, the first thing you know, Moses’ serpent eat up the other one. See? Did you ever think what become of that other serpent? Where did he go to? Moses picked up the stick and went on out with it. He worked miracles with it. And that serpent was on the inside of this other stick. See? That’s wonderful. Isn’t it? Yes, sir.

118 Now, antichrist comes into light, gradually. I want you to notice this. Now, when you hear . . .

119 Now, to my Catholic friends, just sit still just a minute, and now; and then we’re going to see where the Protestants; where we all are, see.

120 Notice, the first church, when the Catholic church says that they were the first, the original church, they’re exactly right. They were. They began at Pentecost. That’s where the Catholic church began. Now, I once didn’t hardly believe that, till I read history, and I found out it’s right. They began at Pentecost. But they began to drift, and you see where they’re at.

121 And if Pentecost drifts with the speed it’s drifting now, they won’t have to go two thousand years. In a hundred years from now, they’ll be farther away than the Catholic church is. That’s right.

122 But notice, how, this white-horse rider. Now we just background it, a little, till we hit this Seal. Now notice the white-horse rider, when he went out, he—he serves in three stages. The devil, as I proved to you the other night, is in a trinity, just like God. But it’s the same devil all the time, in three stages. Notice his stages. In the first stage, he come in . . .

123 The Holy Ghost fell, and people had everything in common. And the Spirit of God was upon them. And the apostles went from house to house, breaking bread with the people. And there was great signs and wonders wrought.

124 And—and then, the first thing you know, Satan began to cause a murmur to come up.

125 Then, after a while, these slaves and the poor of the land, what received the Holy Ghost, they went out into different places, testifying. They testified to their masters.

126 And after a while, there began to come, oh, like army captains and—and the different people. The celebrity began to see the

gallantry, and the miracles and signs that these men done, so they accepted Christianity.

¹²⁷ Well, then, you see, when he embraced Christianity, and go down there to a place where they're meeting, in a little old dark, dungy hall; and clapping their hands, and shout, and speaking in tongues, and getting messages. Why, he could never take that to his—his competitor, or whatever it is, in his business. "He would never believe It, like that." Certainly not. So, he has got to dress It up. So they begin to get together, and begin to think, "Now we'll form something a little different."

¹²⁸ And Jesus, right immediately, at the first church age, He told them. In the 2nd chapter of Revelation here, "I have somewhat against you, because these deeds of the Nicolaitanes."

¹²⁹ *Nikao*, "conquer" the laity. In other words, they want to make, instead of everybody be one, they want to make some holy fellow. They wanted to make some kind of a . . . They wanted to pattern it in paganism, from where they come out, and they finally done it.

¹³⁰ Now watch. First, "Nicolaitane." The *Nicolaitane* was called, in the Bible, "antichrist," because it was against the original Doctrine of Christ and the apostles.

¹³¹ I don't want to call this man's name. He's a great man. But I was at his meeting, here a few years ago. And he knew I was there, 'cause I had shook his hand. And he said, "Oh, you know, we have such today that they call Pentecostals." And he said, "They, they rely upon the Book of Acts." And he said, "You see, the Acts was only scaffold work for the Church."

¹³² Would you imagine, a man that studied the Bible, a gallant old man, and had studied the Bible the way that fellow has, and then would make a remark like that? It sounded, it don't . . . It—it even doesn't sound like the Holy Spirit. Well, it's got not to be, nowhere.

¹³³ Because, anybody with common understanding would know that the Acts of the Apostles was not acts of the apostles. It was the acts of the Holy Spirit in the apostles. Don't you know how we patterned it out in the church ages? Them Beasts sitting there, watching that Ark there. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, standing there, watching That. And in There is what happened, as the results of the writing of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

¹³⁴ That's what the tree put its . . . forth its first branch, and that's what happened. And if that tree ever puts forth another branch, they'll write another Book of Acts behind it. Cause, you see, the same Life has got to be in the same thing.

135 So now, today, when we look over our denominational churches, Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Church of Christ (so-called), and Pentecostals and things, where do we find that? You don't find it.

136 I will admit that the Pentecostals has the closest thing to It, there is, because they're up here in the Laodicean Church Age. They had Truth and rejected It. They got lukewarm with It, and God spewed them from His mouth. That's exactly according to the Scriptures.

137 You can't make them Scriptures lie. See? They're going to be truthful, always. Don't try to. . . The only thing, don't try to line your thought up to the. . . or the Scriptures up to your thought. But re-. . . line yourself up with the Scriptures. That's, then you're running with God. No matter how much you have to cut away, or lay aside, line up with That. See?

138 Look what It did the first time It fell. Well, if God acted like that the first time, He has got to act like that the second time. He has got to act like that every time, or He acted wrong the first time.

See, we as mortals, we can make mistakes. God can't.

139 God's first decision is perfect. And the way He chose to do things, there can't be no other, better way. He can't improve on it, because it's perfect, to begin with. If it isn't, then He isn't infinite. And if He is infinite, then He is omniscient. And if He is omniscient, He's omnipotent. Amen! He has got to be that, to be God. See? So you—you can't say, now, "He learned more." He didn't learn more, He's the—He's the very fountain of all wisdom. See?

140 Our wisdom here come from Satan. We inherited it from Eden, where we swapped off faith for wisdom. Eve did it.

141 Now, he was first called antichrist. The second stage, he was called the false prophet, because that spirit among the people become incarnate.

142 You remember, the white-horse rider now had no crown when he started, but then he would. . . was given a crown. Why? He was the Nicolaitane spirit, to begin with; and then he become incarnate in a man; and then he was crowned, and received a throne and was crowned. And then he served that for a long time, as we'll see as we. . . the Seals break.

143 And then we find out, after that long time, Satan was kicked out of Heaven. And he come down, according to the Scriptures,

and enthroned himself. Just think, enthroned himself in that man, and become a beast. And he had power, supreme power, like that he done, all the miracles and everything, that—that, or the killings and bloody fights and everything that—that Rome could produce. All right. He killed by cruel, Roman punishment. Just, oh, how we could break in some Scriptures here!

144 Remember, Jesus Christ died under the punishment of Rome, capital punishment.

145 The Message that I've got in my heart, to preach up here at this next meeting, on Good Friday afternoon, meets three, four things, see. "There they crucify Him." "*There*," the holiest, religious-est place in the world was Jerusalem. "*They*," the most holy (supposed to be) people in the world, the Jews. "There they *crucify*," the most cruel punishment that Rome could produce. "Crucify *Him*." What? The greatest Person that ever lived. "There they crucified Him." Oh, my!

146 God help me to swing It into that bunch of businessmen, till they can see where they're standing. All right. Now, not to be different, not to be nasty; but to shake That, till them brothers can see that their dignitaries and holy fathers, and things they're writing up in this Business Men's journal, is nonsense. Christians are not supposed to call any man "Father." They start back, I've tried to help them in everything I can (You see now where this tape goes.), so, I'm finished, I certainly won't have anything else to do with it. All right. First, remember Christ.

147 First, as Nic- . . . Nicolaitane, and what did the Nicolaitane age ask for? It asked to get away from them bunch of people that's shouts and claps their hands, and looks like disgracefully; like they did on Pentecost, act like drunk men, staggering in the Spirit, and things. They didn't want none of that stuff. They said they were drunk. And when the celebrity . . . Listen! Don't miss this. It may sound crazy to you, but it's the Truth. When the—the dignitaries begin to come in, they couldn't stoop to that.

148 What makes God big, is because He is big enough to stoop down. That's what makes Him big. There is nothing bigger. And He stooped the lowest that anybody could stoop, that any human being ever stooped. He was the King of Heaven, and He come to the—to the lowest city on the earth, Jericho. And He got so low till even the shortest man in the town had to look down on Him, to see Him. Is that right? Zacchaeus. That's right. He was called the worst name that any human being can be called, "a sorcerer, a devil, Beelzebub." That's what the world thought of Him. Died

the cruelest death. Didn't have a place to lay His head. Kicked out, by every organization.

¹⁴⁹ But when God exalted Him, so high till He has to look down to see Heaven. See how, God, in humility. See? And He give Him a Name so great that the whole family of Heaven is named after Him, and every family of the—the earth. All the family on earth is named “Jesus.” All the families in Heaven is named “Jesus.” And such a Name, that, every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess, to Him being Lord; either here or in hell. Hell will bow to it. Everything else will bow to it. See? But first it was humility, then it become great. See? Let God exalt. “He that humbles himself, God will exalt.” See?

¹⁵⁰ Now, we notice this *nikao* spirit wanted wisdom, smarter. It had to reason it out, like it was in Eden, reason against the Word of God, by the wisdom, and the church fell for it. What was it?

¹⁵¹ Now, let's say, take this church here, and take a bunch of people like we are, if you wasn't real Spirit-filled. And let's take, say . . . Now, nothing against the mayor of our city. I don't think I know him, Mr. Bottorff. Is he still mayor? Mr. . . . I don't . . . See? I don't . . . Mr. Bottorff is a fine friend of mine, see. But, say, the mayor of the city, and all the police force, and—and all the marshals, and they—they all come here. The first thing you know, if they got just a little thing in their head, and begin to talk to the board and the people around here, and say, “Now you know what? This ought to be different.” If you're not Spirit-filled, and got a real Spirit-filled man behind the pulpit, the first thing you know, you'd be catering to them. Maybe not this generation; maybe the next generation.

¹⁵² And that's the way it started in. See? Why? They were saying, “Looky here. It's reasonable.” You, you would listen.

¹⁵³ Say a man come in here, that could say, “This church is too little. Let us build a big church. I will build you one up here, it's . . . it'll be worth so much money, a half a million dollars. It'll be put in there. I'll put the thing on the broadcast.” When they do that, then they got a axe to grind; nine times out of ten, you know, one of them kind. First thing you know, then, if he does, he runs things to suit himself. “You can't say nothing, because Brother John Doe back there, he's the finance of this church.” See? And then you get a little Ricky out of some seminary, who knows about as much about God as a Hottentot does about Egyptian night, and he'll come along there and he'll cater to that guy, because he buys him a new car all the time, lets him ride around, and buys him *this*, *that*, and the *other*.

154 Now, that's exactly how it started out. Right. Notice, wisdom and smartness! They said, "Now looky here, isn't it only sensible? Now, the . . . our—our women, what difference does it make how they wear their hair?" But the Bible says it does make a difference. Just take that one thing, besides the hundreds of others. See? It does make a difference. God said it made a difference, so it is a difference.

155 But, you see, if they get that started, and the trustee board, and deacons and everything, the first thing you know, the pastor either gets in or gets out. That's all. See, it's the people that voted it in. All right.

156 Now notice, that spirit begin to move, and the church that's that, that, got so much dignitary in it, so much big things, and so much money started, till after a while they listened to it and fell for it, the crudeness of the devil.

157 And that's the very thing that Eve done in the garden of Eden. Now, you hear that. That's right. Look, the natural woman, Adam's bride, before he come to her as a wife, fell for the Satan's scheme against the Word of God, by reasoning It. Before Adam lived with Eve as a wife, Satan beat him there. That's right. You heard *The Bride Tree*, I preached on. That talks of it, see. All right. Now notice, there, Eve fell for reasoning. Now he, Satan, tried to reason It.

She said, "But the Lord said . . ."

158 He said, "Oh, you know, but surely the Lord won't. See? You, you want to be wise. You want to know something. Why, you're nothing but a dumb child. See? You ought to know something." If that isn't Satan! Oh, my!

159 If that isn't some of these, modern, see, "Oh, they're just a bunch of holy-rollers. Don't pay no attention to them, you see. Don't go . . . See?"

160 Now, the natural, first bride of the human race, before her husband come to her, she fell from grace, by listening to Satan's lie, after God had her fortified behind His Word. If she would have stayed behind the Word, she would have never fell. Now that's in the natural, notice, the natural woman.

161 And what was the curse, the actual curse of coming out from behind God's Word?

162 Now remember, she believed about ninety-eight percent of It. But you just have to let one Thing go. See? She believed a whole lot of It. Oh, certainly. She said This, and Satan would admit That

was right. If he can just get you on one corner, that's all he wants. See? Only thing you have to do is give the bullet a little twist *this* way, and it'll miss the target. See? That's all. Now, she believed so much of It, but yet missed it.

¹⁶³ Now, and the—and the results, because she left the Word, for one little speck of a reason.

¹⁶⁴ Well, say now, "What about the women?" Or, "Why do you want to talk about something like that?" But any of those little things. "What's the difference, whether it's initial evidence?" It's something to it! You got . . .

¹⁶⁵ It's got to be straightened out. We've presumed at It, through seven church ages, almost. But the hour has come when God speaks It. And He don't only speak It, but He shows It, and vindicates It, and proves It. That's right. If He doesn't do it, then it isn't God, that's all. God stands behind His Word.

¹⁶⁶ Notice now. Now, the natural woman caused natural death, because she listened to reason, to make herself wise, make herself wise instead of staying behind the Word and doing what God told her to. She wanted wisdom, and be wise. And she listened to reason, and—and she lost the whole human race. See?

¹⁶⁷ Now, this time, the spiritual woman, the Bride of Christ that started on the Day of Pentecost, with the early apostolic Church, lost the same thing at the Nicaea Council. Lee, you know that's right. And at—at the Nicaea Council, when she swapped her spiritual birthrights, to take Constantine's big churches and things that he offered them there, and she sold out her Scriptural birthrights for a bunch of Roman dogma. Now, that's hard on the Catholic. But the Protestant has done the same thing, and represent, in the Bible here, as a daughter "of the harlot, of the whore." That's exactly right, every one of them! There no excuses.

¹⁶⁸ But out of there has always been a little remnant, right along, that goes to make the Bride.

¹⁶⁹ Notice, she lost her birthrights, see, before her husband got to her. See? Before the wedding, she lost her virtue.

¹⁷⁰ And now you remember over there, she said, "I sit as a queen. I have no need of nothing," in that Laodicean Age there. "I am rich and increased in goods, and so forth. And, oh, the whole world looks up to me. I'm the great, holy church, and so forth. We're *this* way," the whole age.

¹⁷¹ And He said, "You don't know that you are naked, blind, miserable, wretched, poor, and don't know it." That's the

condition. Now, if the Holy Spirit said the condition would be that way in the last days, it's that way! There is no way of getting around it. That's the way it is.

172 Now watch. Now, when she sold her birthrights back there, her virtuous right, of the Word, what did she do? When Eve did it, she lost the creation; whole creation fell under her.

173 Now notice, and when the church did it, accepted dogmas instead of the Spirit and the Word, it cursed the whole system. Every denominational system that ever was, or ever will be, was cursed with it, and fell, 'cause there's no other way.

174 When you get a bunch of men together, to figure out anything, one has got a head *this* way, and one has got a head *that* way, and one has got a head *this* way. And they put the things together and shake it up, and, when it comes out, that's what you got her.

175 That's exactly what they did at the Nicene Council. That's exactly what they do at the Methodist, Presbyterian, Church of Christ, and the rest of them. And no man, no matter what God reveals to him, you got to teach it the way their credential, their creed—creed says, or they'll kick you out. Now, don't tell me. I've been there, see, and I know it.

176 And that's just exactly what has happened, so the whole thing is cursed. No wonder the angel said, "Come out of her, My people, that you be not partakers of her plagues." Because, she is going to. . . She is cursed, and she's got to suffer the curse of God's wrath upon her, because she sold her virtue and rights. See? But. . . Oh, my!

177 But, remember. Seeing all that condition, but yet God promised, in Joel 2:25, if you want to put it down, "In the last days. . ."

178 When He said, "What the palmerworm left, the caterpillar had eaten; what the caterpillar left, the—the locusts has eaten; what the locust eaten. . ." Just on down, bug after bug, had come and eat on that Church until finally It wasn't nothing but a stump. Watch! What the Romans left, the Lutherans eaten; what the Lutherans left, the Methodists eaten; and what the Methodists left, the Pentecostals eaten; see, until she is down to a stump.

179 And do you know what? You take those worms in there, the locust and caterpillar, and so forth, and you chase them down through the—the book, and find out. It's the same worm in just different stages.

180 Hold your point. So is these Seals! It's the same worms. You're going to see it when we bring it out, so I'll tell you now. It's the

same worm, all the time. Four of those worms; four here. And there they are, they're the same thing. It's the same spirit. What one left, the other eat; and what *this* one left, the other one eat; like that, till they brought it to a stump.

181 But Joel said, "I will restore, saith the Lord, all the years the caterpillar has eaten."

182 What is it? How is He going to do it; if it started out, antichrist, by being against the teaching of Christ, that accepted dogma instead of Word? And through the years the reformers has plunged at it, as the Bible said.

183 "But in the last day, at the sounding. . . ." Revelation 10:1-7, He said, "The mysteries of God would be finished in the last days, at the sounding of the seventh angel." Malachi 4, said that He would "Send Elijah before the evil day come upon the earth, when He would burn it like a furnace. And he would restore, and to bring back the—the children to the Faith of the fathers," The original, apostolic, Pentecostal Faith was promised to be restored. Now, that's just as plain as Scripture can say it. Now it's promised. And if we're in the last days, something has got to happen. See? And it is happening, and we are seeing it.

184 Notice Satan's trinity. Same person coming; just incarnate, from one to the other. That's the way them bugs did, them worms, one to the other, exactly. Nicolaitane, "spiritual antichrist." Pope, "false prophet." "Beast," the devil himself, incarnate. He can't do it. . . .

185 Now, you keep that on your mind now, when you follow this. You're going to see these riders come right straight up to that. See, I'm laying you a picture here. If I had it on a blackboard, you could understand it better. See, I'm watching.

186 First, now. You remember this. The first thing he is, he is an "antichrist spirit." John said so. "Little children, the spirit of antichrist already working in the children of disobedience." See, that thing had begin to start. And then it become kind of "a saying," in the next church age. And the next church age, it was "a doctrine." And the next church age, she was "crowned." Now isn't that just as plain as reading anywhere you could read it? See? See, there he come.

187 Now, first, he was called (what?) "antichrist spirit," because he was against the Word. That's what started it. That's exactly what done the whole thing, was turning from God's Word. Not because Eve might have give Cain a spanking one day. See? That wasn't what done it. The first thing that done the whole thing,

was that she turned from the Word. She turned from the Word. And the first thing, started the prostitution in the church of the living God, Christ's Bride, she turned from the Word and accepted Roman dogma in a stead of God's Word. What's happened to every organization? It did the very same thing.

¹⁸⁸ Now, but promised that in the last days He would make a way to restore again. The Word of the Lord would drop upon the earth, as He did it in the beginning, and, oh, and will restore back (what?) what started it. "Against the Word." And what does this fellow supposed to do when he comes, anointed with God's Spirit? He just "brings the Faith of the children back to the fathers." That's how He restores. And you get this same Word, in the same place that It is *Here*, It's going to do the same thing.

¹⁸⁹ Jesus said, "If any man be of Mine! And he that believeth in Me, the works that I do shall he do also." And when they asked Him to do certain things, He said, "I do just what the Father shows Me. I don't do nothing till I see it, first. What I see the Father doing, that I do also. The Father worketh, and then I worketh hitherto." See? Don't you see it? Why, it's just like reading the newspaper. See?

Now, now, first, then, he become an "antichrist."

¹⁹⁰ Now, he couldn't be antichrist only in spirit. Then, he become an antichrist, and that spirit took a man that taught the same things that that antichrist spirit was doing, and then he become a "false prophet," to the antichrist spirit. Now what about a man in an organization? Suit yourself. I don't know what you think about it. All right.

¹⁹¹ Now, finally, he becomes "a beast." Now wait, and we'll get in that after a while, see. All right.

¹⁹² Now, as Satan's trinity lays like that; Satan, all the time. Satan, "antichrist spirit." Antichrist spirit, incarnate, "false prophet." Then, becomes "the beast." See? When . . . Not a demon, that was in that antichrist; but when Satan himself is kicked out, he comes down and takes over the place where the demon was. The devil, then, then the devil is incarnate in a man. It's just repeating itself.

¹⁹³ That's what Judas Iscariot was. And what did he do? Was he one of the fellows that was against Christ? Why, he was the treasurer, walked with Him. Certainly. Walked right along with them. Went out there and cast out devils, and done just exactly what they did.

194 And Christ was the incarnate God; God, incarnate in flesh, Emmanuel. And Judas was the son of perdition. And Jesus was Son of God. Incarnate God; incarnate devil.

195 Some people only sees three crosses at that time. There was four of them. There was three on Golgotha, that we see. That was Jesus in the middle, a thief on His left, and a thief on His right.

196 And watch. One thief said to the other one, or said to Jesus, "If . . ." Now, you know He's the Word. But, "If thou be the Word, won't you save yourself? Won't you do something about it?"

197 That's the same thing today. Haven't you heard these old devils come, say, "If you believe in Divine healing, *here* is somebody's eyes, won't you open their eyes?" "Smite me blind! Smite me blind!" That same old devil. See? "Come down off the cross, we would believe you." "If you be the Son of God, turn these stones into bread." Same devil.

198 You just walk away, see. No. That's the way Jesus did it. He never clowned for any of them.

199 Put a rag over His hand . . . over His precious eyes, like *that*. And they took a stick, and hit Him on top the head. Said, "Tell us! If you're a prophet, now tell us who hit you." They changed the stick, one to another. "Now tell us who hit you, and we'll believe you're a prophet." He never opened His mouth. He just sat there. See? He don't clown. He just does as the Father says, you see. See? Let's them go ahead. Their time is coming. Don't worry. Yes, sir. Now, they touched His garment, they felt no virtue.

200 But a poor little woman, had a need, just touched His garment. He turned around and said, "Who touched Me?" Uh-huh. Is what? A different touch. It depends upon how you touch Him, you see, see, what you believe. Now, you see?

201 Now, as Satan is going to . . . has incarnated himself, from antichrist to false prophet now. And in the days of the Jew, is "antichrist," amongst the early church. In the dark ages, he become a "false prophet," to the world. See her there with "her cup of iniquity"? Now, that's to the church age now.

202 But in the age after the Church goes Home, he becomes a beast, he becomes the devil incarnate, the red dragon himself. Oh, my! Can't you see what I mean? He is incarnate in his people then. He's got his people bound by his power. The false prophet has prophesied them right into it. "Give them over to strong delusions, to believe a lie and be damned by it." "Denying the Word; with a form of godliness."

203 God works, His place, in a trinity. Justification; sanctification; and incarnate Himself in His people, with the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

204 Same thing, the devil is just in a type, after Christ. Oh, Satan incarnates himself's . . . Now watch. Satan . . .

205 When Jesus incarnates Himself in His people, the very Life that was in Christ is in the person.

206 What would it do if you took the life out of a grapevine and put it in a pumpkin vine? It wouldn't bear pumpkins no more; it would bear grapes. What if you took the life out of a peach tree and put it in a pear tree? Would it bear pears? No. Bear peaches. The life tells what it is. See?

207 When you say, hear people say they got the Holy Ghost, and deny this Word, there is something wrong. The Holy Ghost wrote that Word.

208 And Jesus said this, "If a man has My Spirit in him, he'll do My works." You want to read that? You want to put it down? It's Saint John 14:12. Yeah. All right. "He that believeth in Me, the works that I do shall he do also. Even more than this shall he do, for I go to the Father." See? Then He sanctifies and cleans him, so he can stand before God. That drop of ink falls there, and takes him across the chasm. See?

209 Now watch. Satan, when he incarnates himself in his subjects, they do the work that he did. Don't you see? What did he do? Come right to that innocent woman, to deceive her. And that's exactly what some of these devils do, come right into a place and say . . . A little pastor gets started, out somewhere; come in and say, "Oh, if you just join up with us!" Huh! Huh! The same devil work. Now, that's the Truth! And when Satan become incarnate into his church, to be a devil, then they are the ones that does the murdering and killing, and so forth. Because, Satan is a killer, in the first place; a liar and a . . . See? All right.

210 What does Satan do when he does, when he becomes incarnate amongst the people? It's his duty to be shrewd. He is shrewd. You search the Bible, and you show me where God ever dealt with intellectual people. Hunt for it, and see if it isn't always the intellectuals that's devil-possessed. It's a big word, but it's true. I challenge you to take the—the lineage, from Abel's to Cain; and, them fourteen generations, run them out, and see which ones was on the smart side, and which ones was the humble ones. Uh-huh.

211 Why didn't Jesus choose such people? He got fishermen and men that couldn't even sign their own name, to put them the

head of His Church. That's right. Wisdom is—is nothing; it's—it's against Christ. Worldly wisdom is against Christ, always. Jesus never did tell us to go build seminaries; He never did it; having Bible schools. He said, "Preach the Word! Preach the Gospel!" And then if He said, "These signs shall follow them that believe," see, you'll have to have the . . . In other words, He said, "Go demonstrate the Power of God, to all nations."

²¹² Now watch. Satan's duty is to pervert the Word of God, to wisdom's reasonings. Oh, my! Oh! Then he marks his subjects, by rejecting the original Word. Now let that . . .

²¹³ Will you—will you—will you suffer me just a little bit more, and get this? This, I don't want you to miss this. Let me show you the type, so you can see it all in type and in Word, and everything. You—you can't . . . You shouldn't go away confused.

²¹⁴ In the Old Testament, when a man had been sold to slavery. There come a year of jubilee, every fifty years. Forty-ninth year, and then the year of jubilee. And when a slave heard this, and he wanted to go free, there is—there isn't nothing that can keep him from going free. He can throw down his hoe, and say, "so-long," go back home. The trumpet sounded. That's right.

²¹⁵ But if he don't want to go, and he is satisfied with his slave master, then he is taken into the—the—the temple, and they take an awl . . . You know what an awl is. And they press his ear, and put a hole in his ear. And it's a mark, that he can never go back. Is that right? He has to serve this master for all time. I don't care how many more times the jubilee sounds, whatever happens. He absolutely has—has sold out his birthrights, of being free.

²¹⁶ And when a man turns down the Gospel Truth, Satan marks him (where?) at his ear. He deafens him so he can't hear the Truth no more, and he's finished. He stays with the group that he's with, if he won't hear the Truth. No.

²¹⁷ "You shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free." See, the Truth makes free.

²¹⁸ God marks His when they come. God marks His by vindicating His promised Word through them. That's exactly, Saint John 14:12. And another thing, you want to put down, Mark 16. Jesus said, "These signs shall follow them that believe."

²¹⁹ Now let's just take that, a minute. Was He joking? [Congregation says, "No."—Ed.] Did He just mean the . . . Did He just mean the apostles, as some would tell us? ["No."]

²²⁰ Watch. Read the background of it. "Go ye into . . ." Where? [Congregation says, "All the world."—Ed.] "All the world."

“Preach the . . . this Gospel to . . .” What? [“Every creature.”] “Every creature.” It has not even one-third of the way met it yet. “These signs shall follow in all the world, to every creature, wherever this Gospel is preached. These signs shall follow them that believe,” not just to one little handful.

221 Like a fellow one time telling me, “God only gave the twelve apostles gifts of healing. And . . .” Oh! So, many of the brethren was sitting here when he raised up to say that, see. He got enough of it, in a few minutes.

222 So now notice, “All the world, to every creature, these signs shall follow.”

223 Don’t take Satan’s unbelieving mark. Now, he’ll put it on you tonight, if he can do it. He’ll poke you up against the wall, and you’d walk out and say, “I don’t know about that.”

224 You go home and study It, and then be sincere, and pray. Cause, everything is too—is too perfectly Scriptural at this very hour, this sacred hour in time. It’s done been for years, proved, come right up to it. And this is the hour. This is the time.

225 And now don’t let him poke that in your ear, his unbelieving mark. See? Cause, he was an unbeliever, to begin with. He doubted It. All right. Oh, don’t even let . . . Don’t let him take the Scripture, with his wisdom, and—and twist It and pervert It with his own wisdom, into reasoning powers. You just be humble, and say, “God said so, and that’s all there is to it.” Now, oh, let’s . . .

226 We’re going to get too late, so we’d better stop right here and—and start on.

227 Now let’s go to the Second Seal. When the slain, risen Lamb opened this, and the second, calf-like Beast, said, “Come, see what the Seal mystery is.” See? Now we get it. The Lamb, remember, has to open every Seal. And the second Beast . . .

228 If you noticed it, in the routine of where we just went through, with the church ages, the same thing. The second . . . First was a lion; the next was a—was a . . . was like a calf, or ox, or something, you see.

229 And this Beast said, “Come, see,” now, and when the Lamb opened the Seal. And, then, went to see. And when he walked in, what happened? Let’s see what he found now. “Come, see.” There’s a mystery sealed up here, that’s been here now for two thousand years, about. Let’s see what it is.

230 Now we find here that he saw (what?) a red horse go forward. Now, to my understanding this, to my understanding, this great

sword that he had in his hand . . . Now we got about three things to look at now, for about the next fifteen, twenty minutes. Let's just read and see what He says here. "And there went out . . ." The 4th verse.

. . . there went out another horse that was red, (the first one is white): and power was given unto him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, . . . that they should kill one another: and there was given to him a great sword.

231 Now there is symbols here, and we want to look at them real close. But, to my understanding, the best that I know now, you see, Jesus predicted the same thing in Matthew 24. See? He said, "Now you're going to hear of wars and rumors of wars, and just wars and rumors of wars, and wars. And, but," said, "all these ain't yet. See, time ain't yet." See, they asked Jesus three questions. See? And He answered them in three questions.

232 There is where a lot of our brethren got tangled up, trying to place . . . The Adventists brethren, about those, seventh day and so forth, back there, the . . . "Woe unto her that give child, that give suck, and the gates will be closed on the sabbath day," and things like that. My! It don't even pertain to the question at all, see, not at all. See?

233 He was answering what they asked, but He didn't—He didn't—didn't apply it all to the last days. He said, "You will hear . . ." Now we're working on this one thing here. We'll come to some more of it, in a few nights. Look. He said, "You'll hear of wars, and rumors of wars, and so forth. Then all this is not . . . See, then they'll—they'll go back again, then they'll deliver you up, and so forth like this. And all, all that's not right yet."

234 But when He got to the time when He was going to talk to them about what they asked Him about, "the end of the world."

235 "When will all these things be, when there'll not be one stone left upon? What will the sign be? And when will be coming, the end of the world?" See, they asked Him three things.

Then when He got down to, "The end of the world?"

236 He said, "When you see the fig tree putting forth its bud, now you know that the time is at the door. And verily I say unto you, that, this generation shall not pass until all be fulfilled." How the infidel, without the interpretation, likes to lay onto that! See? He said, "This generation," not the generation He was talking to, "the generation that seen the fig tree putting forth its bud."

237 Now I just want to ask you something. Just—just look at something right here in the face. Israel is now, for the first time for

twenty-five hundred years, a nation. The oldest flag in the world is flying over Jerusalem tonight. Israel is in her homeland.

238 There was a brother here one time wanted to be a missionary, felt to go missionary to the Jews. I said, "You might get one now and then." Oh, people thinks, the whole nation! No, sir.

239 Israel is converted as a nation, not as a person. "A nation will be born in a day." That's Israel. "All Israel is saved." Just remember that. Paul said so, "All Israel is saved." Now notice, "All Israel." That's exactly right.

240 Now notice this. "But," He said, "when you see the fig tree, and all the other trees, putting forth their buds." Now watch. There's never been a time, for twenty-five hundred years, that Israel has ever come to her homeland. We got the little show, of *Three Minutes To Midnight*, you know. There she is, a nation, the six-point star of David, flying, and all these things.

241 Has there ever been a time that the denominations has had revivals like they had in the last few years? Now just study it. We're at home.

242 When did the denominations ever bloom out under any man's ministry, like it has of Billy Graham's; Methodists, Baptists, and so forth? When was there ever a man, search down your history, that ever went forth to the church formal, by the name ending with h-a-m, before? Just ask you. A-b-e . . .

243 A-b-r-a-h-a-m. Now look, Abraham's name has seven letters, A-b-r-a-h-a-m.

244 But our Brother Billy Graham, has G-r-a-h-a-m, six, not seven. The world, that's where he is ministering to, church natural.

245 Church natural, was Lot, in Sodom. And when this fellow went down there and preached, and blinded them by the Gospel.

246 But there was One Who stayed with Abraham, and Abraham called Him, "Elohim, Lord." Now when Abraham seen three coming, he said, "My Lord."

247 When Lot seen two coming, he said, "My lords." There is your difference. See your trinitarian work? See?

248 Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Lot." You see that? Notice. Count it.

249 Now, there was One come to the Church spiritual, the Bride, Abraham, that wasn't in—in Sodom, to begin with. And watch what He did. He never done no preaching like they did. He taught them, but then they done them sign before them. He done the Messianic sign. He had His back turned to the tent, and He said,

“Abraham.” Now remember, his actual name, a few days before that, was Abram. But He says, “Abraham, where is your wife, S-a-r-a-h?” A few days before that, it was called S-a-r-r-a.

Abraham said, “She is in the tent, behind You.”

250 And He said, “Abraham, I. . .” There is your personal pronoun again. “I am going to visit you according to the promise that I’ve made you.” You see what it was. See? A Man, with dust on His clothes, eating the meat of a calf, and drinking the milk from the cow, and eating corn bread. Yes, sir. God, Elohim, manifested in flesh!

251 Promised, in the last days, to manifest Himself in flesh again! Notice.

“Abraham, where is your wife, Sarah?”

“She is in the tent, behind You.”

Said, “I am going to visit you.”

252 And the lady, of course, being a hundred years old, she kind of laughed up her sleeve; back in the tent now, behind the curtains in the tent. She said, “Me, an old woman.” Well, it had ceased to be with them, as husband and wife, for years, you know, ‘cause he was a hundred years old, and—and—and she was ninety. Said, “That will never happen.”

253 And He said, “Why did she laugh?” Whew! With His back turned to the tent, “Why did she laugh, saying, ‘How can these things be?’” See, He showed him a sign.

254 Now He promises that this will repeat at the end time, again.

255 And the two men went down there and preached the Word, and told them to get out of there; the place was going to burn up, and so forth. And it did. And Lot staggered out; the church natural, down in sin, and in the mire, but yet struggling along in their organizational programs. But the Bride. . .

256 That one Man never went to them. He went only and called the Bride type. Now we’re in the last days. See? Now notice.

“You said there, ‘God, manifested in the flesh’?”

257 Jesus said, Himself, “How do you condemn Me?” Said, “Isn’t it written in your Bible, your laws, that they, the prophets, who the Word of God came to. . .” Jesus said, “The Word came to the prophets,” ‘cause He was Scriptural in all things. He said, “Now, the Word of God says, that, ‘The Word came to the prophets.’ And you called them ‘gods,’ for the Word of God came to them.” Said, “Then how you going to condemn Me when I say I’m the

Son of God?" With their own law, He sewed them up. There you are. See?

258 Now where we at? We're at the end time. Now listen real close now.

259 Now we find out that there would be wars and rumors of wars. And now we see that the fig tree has put forth its buds. And the other trees put forth their buds. Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, and all, put forth their buds, a great revival going on.

260 Now I believe that God is gathering the Bride for that last hour, the Elect. Oh, my! Now notice.

261 Let us now consider what John saw, then, of these things what he saw. "A red horse; and his rider goes forth, power given to him to slay with a great sword." Now here is my revelation of it. This is Satan, again. It's the devil, again, in another form. Now, we know that—that Seals pertained. . . . as I said the other night. And trumpets pertain to—to—to—to civil wars, you see, amongst the people, among nations. But you find out, here, that this man has a sword, so he pertains to church, political war. Now you might not think that, but just watch it a minute, just a few minutes.

262 Notice the change of color of these horses. Same rider; change of color of horses. And a horse is a beast. And the beast, in the Bible, under a symbol, represents a power. The same system riding on another color, power, from the innocent white to a bloody red. See? Watch him now, how he's coming.

263 When he first started, he was just, well, he was just a little doctrine in—in, amongst, called the Nicolaitanism. Of course, it wouldn't slay anything. That's Revelation 2:6, if you want to put it down. He wouldn't slay anything. It's just a doctrine, just a spirit amongst the people. Now, he would slay nothing. Oh, he was so innocent, riding on this white horse. "Well, you know, we can have a great world-wide church. We could call it the universal church." They still do. All right. See? Now, "We could have . . ." Oh, it's perfectly innocent. And, oh, it's so innocent. "It's just a group of men. We'll all get together for fellowship." See, it's very innocent; it's white, the white horse was. See?

264 Now, so the dignitaries, and the better dressed, and the educated, you know, kind of like birds-of-a-feather, you know, "We'll—we'll kind of get things together. And that poor bunch, why, if they want to stumble along, well, all right, but we—we—we'll get a better class coming to our church. If we can just get ourselves pulled off out here, we'll—we'll be a—we'll be a bunch

of Masons, or so forth, you know. We'll—we'll just have the things fixed up, or, Odd Fellows," as they are. And so then . . . Not the Odd Fellow Lodge now, but you know what I mean. So, it's odd to the real believer. Now, but, otherwise, in other words, "We want a little group, a little syndicate we can call our own." It's just a doctrine, very innocent. "Brethren, why, we have nothing against you people, certainly not. You're all right, but, you know, we feel that—that we have business and every . . . We, we would be better off if we just had ourselves together." See? It finally went right on down till it happened, yes, sir, get together.

²⁶⁵ But when this awful, deceiving spirit (oh, man!) incarnated, in incarnate spirit; this doctrine spirit became incarnated, to take the place of Christ, into a man. It must be worshipped, then, turned to be a worship like Christ. In other words, up over the Vatican . . . I've been right there. It's wrote, "VICARIVS FILII DEI," and it's wrote in Roman numerals. Now, you just draw a line at the bottom of those Roman numerals. And it means, "In stead of Son of God." He, in other words, he's a vicar. You know what a vicar is; just take the place of something. He is the vicar, "In stead of the Son of God."

²⁶⁶ And the Bible said, "Let him that has the gift of wisdom count the numbers of the beast, for it's the number of a man. And his number is six hundred and sixty-six." Now, you take VICARIVS FILII DEI, and draw a line, with Roman numbers; the "V" for five, and "I" for one . . . And add it up, and see if you haven't got six hundred and sixty-six.

²⁶⁷ The Bible said, "He would be sitting in the temple of God, worshipped like God." When that little doctrine become a incarnate, it become a vicar, "In stead of the Son of God." See? Oh, my! That awful, deceiving spirit! If you want to read that, read in Second Thessalonians 2:3, and you can see where it's at.

²⁶⁸ And, of course, you will remember Satan is the head of all political power, of every nation. How many knows that? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] You want to put it down? Matthew 4:8, "Satan took Jesus up to a high mountain, and he showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, that ever was or ever would be, in a moment of time." Talk about a person! He said, "I'll give them to you, if you'll worship me." And Jesus knew that He was going to fall heir to them.

²⁶⁹ That's what they say, "Why, you bunch of poor holy-rollers!"

²⁷⁰ Why, we get the world! "The meek shall inherit the earth." That's what Jesus said. See? See?

271 Notice, Jesus knowed He would fall heir to them, so He said, "Get thee hence, Satan. It's written," right back with the Scripture again, you see, "'Thou shall worship the Lord, and Him only.'" See?

272 Now—now when—when he, as is head demon, incarnate in this super, religious man, as the Bible predicts, then he unites his church and state. Both of his own powers unite together. See?

273 When the antichrist spirit went forth, it was a spirit. Then it become what? It become then . . . Now watch this Seal. When the spirit went forth, it was antichrist, against the teaching of Christ. All right. The next thing did . . . What Christ set out for His Church to do, It was against sin. "Oh, It don't mean that. It don't mean it. That was for somebody else. That, that's back in the hundred years ago, back yonder. That, that ain't for us." See? That, see, *anti*, "against." Then it become . . .

274 Now, the rider went out, he—he didn't have no crown, but he was given one. That white horse; he had a bow, no arrows. See? So then when he went forth . . .

275 Then, after a while, he was given a crown, because you can't put a crown on a spirit's head. But, when, this spirit become incarnate in the second work of his—of his dispensation of his mystic, the second work, he become a crowned, false prophet, to the working of the antichrist spirit. Now, we see him there, now. Now he becomes that, when he takes that. Then, he is, already, Satan controls the political powers of the world.

276 Now he gets into a place till he's going to make a universal church power, taking religious power. And do you not understand, my brothers, that in . . . When, this nation appears in the 13th chapter of Revelation, this little animal raised up like a lamb. And it's got two horns, civil and ecclesiastical power, but he done the same thing the beast did before him.

277 It's strange, America is number thirteen, and a woman. It's strange, it appears even in the 13th chapter of Revelation. We started out with thirteen stripes in the flag, thirteen stars. Everything is "thirteen, thirteen, thirteen, thirteen," all the way down. Everything is "woman, woman, woman," all the way down.

278 And it'll finally end up, (I predict it), a woman will control her. Remember, that was thirty years ago, I said it. And—and the—the seven things that I predicted, five of them has done come to pass. And they got the man right there now to bring her in. And you vote it in, through your politics there. Yeah. Huh! All right.

279 So much to say, you can't hardly get to where you want to get to. Notice now. I won't keep you but a little bit longer, if I have to carry over tomorrow night.

280 Look. Notice. When Satan... Now, everybody, that, realizes that Satan controls all political powers of the world. [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] He said so. Matthew the 4th chapter, you get it, and the 8th verse. All the kingdoms belong to him. That's the reason they fight, war, kill. Now remember.

281 Isn't that strange? They was given this sword, to kill one another. Oh, oh, oh, my! Notice now.

282 Now, when he did that, he did not have the ecclesiastical power yet. But he started in with a demon of a false teaching. And that teaching become a doctrine. That doctrine become incarnate in a false prophet.

283 And then he went just to the right place. He never went to Israel, now. He went to Rome; Nicaea, Rome.

284 The council was held, and they elected a head bishop. And then, by doing this, they united church and state together. Then, he dropped his bow. He got off his white horse. He got on his red horse, for he can kill anybody that don't agree with him. There is your Seal. Same fellow! Watch him ride on into Eternity yonder, with it, see, unites both his powers together.

285 The same thing they're trying to do right now, same thing, today. And a strange thing, maybe you don't understand it. But, today, from a Baptist group in Louisville. . . You heard it on the radio. A speaker raised up and . . . How many heard it? Right. See? All right, here you are. They want, and asked in the church now, that, "We don't really have to, oh, just kind of join the Catholic church, but we have to kind of fellowship with them." Get . . . And, the same time that going on in Louisville, over here God is unfolding the Seals to His people, to show it, "Don't do it!" See them both working together? Remember, the crow and dove sit on the same roost pole, in the ark. Sure. Just remember.

286 Now we find out, he unites his power, then, when he become both state and church, the ecclesiastical. Then what are you going to do? He forms his own religion. And now he can do whatever he wants to. Then, he has the right to put to death whosoever will not agree with him. That's exactly what he did, too. And he did that just exactly. And what he—he . . . He did it to the true saints of the living God, who kept the Word and wouldn't agree with him on his dogmas. He put them to death.

287 Now, Brother Lee Vayle, and you teachers here of the Nicaea age and the early church, I don't know whether you read this or not. If you want to read it, you get in Schmucker's *Glorious Reformation*.

288 And you find it, that, when Saint Augustine of Hippo become a priest under the Roman church, had the opportunity, till one time the Holy Spirit tried to come on him, and he rejected It. How many knows that, as a teacher? So, he rejected the Holy Spirit. That's exactly what, a type of the Protestant church today, that's rejected the Holy Ghost. He went back down to Hippo, and he was the very one that signed that, that paper that had, "The revelation from God, that it was all right and pleasing God, to put every person to death that didn't believe with the Roman Catholic church."

289 Now listen. I'm quoting from the martyrology, "From the time of—of Saint Augustine of Hippo, until 1586," on the Roman martyrology, "the Roman Catholic church put sixty-eight million Protestants to death." Was his sword red? Was he riding a red horse? What was it? The same power; the same rider. There is the Seal. They admit, "sixty-eight million," on the martyrology, besides all those put to death outside of that. Oh, mercy! During the dark ages, there were millions fed to lions, and slaughtered in every way, because they wouldn't bow down to that Catholic dogma. You know that.

290 How much time you got? [Congregation says, "Plenty of time. All night."—Ed.] All right. Let me read something. Turn with me now, let me show you something. Let's—let's picture this thing, just a minute. Just happened to come on my mind, and we'll just read it. Let's turn over in Revelation, to the 17th chapter of Revelation. We still got fifteen minutes left. All right. Now listen real, real close now, as we read. You who have your Bibles and turn, I'm going to give you just a little time, so that you'll get it.

291 Did you get that, Lee? In Schmucker's is where I got it, see, *Glorious Reform*, that taken straight out of the martyrology of Rome, at the Vatican.

292 Now, that was down to the persecution of Saint Patrick's people. And then they call Saint Patrick their—their saint. Huh! Saint Patrick was about as much Catholic as I am; and you know how much I am. See? He—he detested the doctrine of the church. He refused to go to the pope. Yes, sir. Saint Patrick even . . . Why, you, did you ever go up in Northern Ireland, where he had his schools? You know, his name wasn't Patrick. How many knows

that? His name was Sucat. That's right. Lost his little sister. You remember when they . . . See? All right.

²⁹³ Now notice, 17th chapter of Revelation. Now everybody just try to open your heart. Let the Holy Spirit teach you now.

. . . there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the—had the seven vials, . . .

²⁹⁴ Now, you see, there is Seven Vials. You know, these seven's, as we're going through, they all happen right at the same time; following the Plagues, following the church ages, just the same, 'cause it's all sealed up into that one Book, everything. And everything happens just in rotation; one goes right into the other, and the other, and the other. There is two spirits working; God, and the devil. See?

. . . which had the seven last vials, and he talked with me, saying. . . Come here; and I'll show thee . . . unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

²⁹⁵ Now look here, over here, that, "waters."

²⁹⁶ "Whore," what is that? That's a woman. Can't be a man. And what is the woman symbolized in the church, in the Bible? Church. Why? Christ's Bride, and so forth; you see, it's woman, the church.

²⁹⁷ Now, "waters," what does that mean? Watch here. Read the 15th verse of it there.

And he said unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, . . . multitudes, . . . nations, and tongues.

²⁹⁸ This church was ruling over the whole world, see, "Sat upon many waters."

With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, spiritual fornications (taking her doctrine, Nicolaitane doctrine), and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornications.

²⁹⁹ Boy, you talk about a drunken bunch, on it! You . . .

So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman . . .

³⁰⁰ And did you know what? The Catholic's own writing admit this is their church. How many knows that? Right in their own writing. I got *Facts Of Our Faith*, it's called, now, see; belongs to a priest. All right. All right.

*And so he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness:
and I saw a woman sitting upon a scarlet clothed beast, full
of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.*

301 Now just watch that, that symbol, that “seven heads.” Now you see here where It said, “And the—and the—and the . . . The heads which thou sawest are seven hills on which the woman sitteth.” Rome sits on seven hills. See? Now there is no mistake about it, see, “Seven heads.” “And ten horns,” you know, are ten kingdoms, and so forth.

And the woman was arrayed in purple . . . scarlet colour, . . . decked in gold and precious stones . . . pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abomination—abomination of the filthiness of her fornication:

302 That antichrist spirit, “fornication,” see, “teaching,” that committing adultery with God. See? Now, she is supposed to be a Bride, see; and committing an adultery. See? Just like Eve did, just like the church does there. See?

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

303 And anybody knows, “BABYLON” is Rome.

. . . THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

304 And listen to the 6th verse.

And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

305 She was such a beautiful thing, with crosses and everything on her! “How in the world could she be the guilty of drinking the blood of the saints?” It puzzled him. Now He is going to tell him.

And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I'll tell thee the mystery of the woman, and . . . the beast that carried her, . . .

306 Now, this is not under the one of the Seals. This is something else, see.

And he said . . . the seven heads and the ten horns.

The beast . . . thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit (has no foundation, the pope), and shall go into perdition: and they that dwell upon the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the

Lamb's *book of life*, (there's the Elected, see), *life from the foundation of the world*, . . .

307 How, when was your name put on the Book of Life? At that revival you attended? No, sir. "From the foundation of the world."

. . . *when they beheld the beast that was, . . . is not, and yet is.*

308 See, "the beast," one will die, another one take his place. "He was; he was not. He was; he was not. Was; he was not." And she'll go plumb into perdition, that way. See? All right.

And here is—and here is the mind that has wisdom.

309 How many knows there is nine spiritual gifts, and one of them are wisdom? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] All right.

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

310 Oh, you'd have to be totally blind, deaf and dumb, not to get that. See? All right.

. . . *there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is (Nero), and . . . one is to come; and when he cometh, he must continue just a short space.*

311 You remember what he done. Burnt the city, and laid it onto the Christians. And put his mother on a singletree of a horse and run her through the streets. And fiddled, while Rome burned. All right.

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

312 Pagan Rome, brought into papal Rome. When the incarnate antichrist spirit become incarnate, and was crowned, he was made a crowned king of Rome, both in state and church, together. Oh, brother! See, it's just full of it. See?

. . . *is . . . the seventh, and he goeth . . .* (How long does he last? They never change the system.) . . . *to perdition.*

. . . *the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kings' kingdoms as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.*

313 That's dictators, you see, of course. "These have one mind." Now, you look here. And they talk about communism. See?

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

These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lord, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, . . . chosen, and faithful.

And he said unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, . . . multitudes, . . . nations, and tongues.

. . . the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and that covenant is broken . . . (I talked about it last night.) . . . and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

314 Don't you know the Bible says that the shipmasters, and everything else, said, "Alas, alas, that great city! How it's met its doom in one hour!" See?

For God has put in their hearts to fulfill his will, and to agree, and give their kingdoms over to the beast, until the word of God shall be fulfilled.

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

315 Tell me one. Russia don't reign over all. We don't reign over all. There is only one king that reigns over every . . . like that Nebuchadnezzar's iron running out in every one of them toes. That's Rome. Rome don't do it as a nation; it does it as a church. Every nation under heaven is to Rome.

316 No wonder they said, "Who can make war with him?" He can say, "Peace," [Brother Branham snaps his finger once—Ed.] that settles it. Every Catholic says, "It's, 'Don't fight,'" and—and they don't fight. That's all. "Who is able to do what he can do?" Nobody. That's right. "So they wonder at the miracles he can do." He can stop war. [Brother Branham snaps his finger once.] Only thing he have to do is just say, "Stop." That's all. But you think he'll do it? Certainly not.

317 Notice, that sure show, "They should kill one another. They should kill each other." His bow had no arrows, at first, but his "great sword" did. He done his killing, later, and changed from white horse to red horse; the same, exactly, devil, with his sword.

318 What did Jesus say? Jesus said, "They that take the sword will perish by it." Don't fight back. See? Jesus, that night when He told, said that, and Peter took his sword. See? Just do like He did, just go ahead.

319 Now, now remember, he has got a sword. He is going forth, a sword in his hand; riding, red horse, wading through the blood of everybody that disagrees with him.

320 Now do you understand it? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] How many understands what that Seal is now? ["Amen."] All right. Now, what did Jesus say? "They that take the sword will perish by the sword." Is that right? All right. All right. This rider and all his kingdom subjects that are slaying down through the age, that's drawed all this blood of the martyrs of the saints, will be slain by the Sword of Jesus Christ when He comes. "They that take the sword will be slain by the sword." They took the sword of dogma and antichrist, and cut down the real, true worshippers, all down through the ages, to, well, the millions. And when Christ comes with the Sword, for it's His Word that proceeds out of His mouth, He'll slay every enemy there is before Him. Do you believe it? "Kill the enemy."

321 Let's go over here just a minute, Revelation. We'll see now if I'm just saying that, or whether the Word says it. Revelation 19:11.

And I saw heaven opened (amen), and behold a white horse; and he that sat on him is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he did judge and make war.

His eyes were . . . the flames of fire, and on his head . . . many crowns; . . .

322 Oh, brother! See, He's done been crowned by His saints, you see.

. . . and he had a name written, that no man knew, but . . . himself.

323 Remember, we—we can't, we don't know that, see, what it is. "And he was clothed . . ." Let's see.

And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called (not "is," but "called") The Word of God.

324 For, He and the Word is the same. See? Now notice, not "His names." Uh-huh! "His Name is called 'Word of God.'" It only knows one Name; no other name.

And the armies of heaven, which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. (That's the righteousness of saints. See?)

325 Now watch. What did Jesus say? "He that takes the sword . . ." All right, red-horse rider, here to where she's coming. "He that takes the sword . . ." You might have killed sixty-eight

million of them, down through these ages, since then; maybe more. But Jesus said, "He that takes the sword will perish by it." Watch.

And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, . . .

326 Hebrews, the 4th chapter, said, "The Word of God is sharper than a two-edged sword, cutting even to the marrow of the bone." And what does It, the Word, do? "It's a Discerner of the thoughts of the heart." Right.

. . . out of his mouth goeth a sharp two-edged . . . a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness of the wrath of Almighty God.

And he had on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KING, AND LORD OF LORDS.

327 As the impostors, against the Word of God, and because they wouldn't agree, and this thing. . . Satan placed, united the political powers which he held, and the spiritual powers which he held, together, and made a church that sweeps into every nation. And he has put millions times millions. . . after he jumped off from his white horse, onto his red horse, and he took his sword and went forth.

328 But God said, "With the same Thing that he perverted, or tried to, by a false teaching; that same Word will rise in power, coming forth from the lips of Jesus Christ, and shall slay him, and everything before Him." Amen.

329 There is the Second Seal. You love Him? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] Oh, my! That's THUS SAITH THE LORD. [Congregation rejoices greatly.] Praise be to God! If all these other revelations, and visions, and everything, has hit just exactly on the—on the point! And how many knows that? Raise your hand. Hundreds, everybody here, with their hands up. That's right. So shall This be! Remember, it's so. Oh, friend!

Come to the Fountain that's filled with Blood,
Drawn from Emmanuel's veins;
Where sinners plunged beneath the flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.

330 Come, believe on Him, if you've never. Don't take any chance; don't, don't, if there's anything in your life, friend.

331 We're here. Something is fixing to happen. [Brother Branham knocks on the pulpit four times—Ed.] I don't know why. I don't know when. I know what is going to happen, but I don't know

when it's going to happen. But it's bound to be, because He is revealing it right now. He doesn't do anything 'less He makes it known. Amos 3. He makes it known, first. And He promised that these things would come in the last days. And the seventh church age, at the end of it, when the messenger has arrived, there it would be. It would be revealed, those broken Seals will be revealed, and here They are. Now, that's in the Name of the Lord. Believe It, friend. Yes, sir. Come out of Babylon!

332 I want to say something before closing. Cause, I got . . . I'm getting just nine-thirty. It's just right now time.

333 Billy and I, when we got off of the plane, in India, our last trip there. I was looking at a—a paper that they brought, was written in English. And it said, "The earthquake must be over; the birds are coming back." Then it give the details. They . . . There was something funny happened.

334 India don't have woven fences like we do. They pick up rocks, and make their fences. And they build a lot of their houses out of rock, just place them up there. And it's warm there, around, oh, anywhere, pretty near, in India, 'less you're up in the mountains. And all down through Calcutta and things, the people just lay on the streets, starving to death, so forth.

335 Now, so, and they build their houses in towers, of their house. They run the—the fence right up here, to the side of their house. Build the tower for their house, and tower may be where they got their well. They dug it for their cattle and things, then run their fences around.

336 And, all at once, something begin to happen. The little birds, you know, go into those rocks, and they build their nests and raise their young ones. And something begin to happen.

337 Every day, when it would get hot, all the cattle will come around and stand under the shadow of those walls; keep cool.

338 And all the little birds live in those places. And, all of a sudden, all them little birds, for some unknown reason . . . Now, you know what we said the other day about little birds. See? Some unknown reason, they all took off. And they went out, and didn't come back to their nests. They went out in the field, and they sat in the trees, and wherever they could get, or right on the ground.

339 The cattle wouldn't come around. The sheep wouldn't come around. They stayed right in the field, and hugged up against one another. That's a good way to do. They knew that something was going to happen.

340 Then, all of a sudden, an earthquake took place, and shook the walls down, the fences down, and everything else.

341 Then the little birds begin to come back. Didn't come back for three or four days; then began to come back. They said, "Well, the earthquakes must be over now; the birds are coming back."

342 Why? Don't you believe that the same God that could make them birds and cattle and sheep, in the days of Noah, go into the ark, He is still the same God that can make them fly to safety? Is that right? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.]

343 Now let me say something, brother. There is something fixing to happen. And all these big, old ecclesiastical walls are going to collapse, and go right back over yonder, and agree. Cause, they're going to do it, as certain as I'm standing here. There is "an image to that beast," just as certain as I am standing here; and this nation took it, according to the Word of the Lord. Listen, when you feel that little, funny feeling, you get away from them walls. Get away! You'll die in there. Don't do it! Come out of it! Get away from all this stuff! Flee to safety, as quick as you can. Ask God for mercy.

344 Don't just take, some, "Well, my mother was Methodist, so I suppose I'll be. My papa was Baptist; I'll be." Don't you do that. Don't you—don't you take any chance.

345 I don't care how simple and humble It seems; It's the Word of the Lord. You flee to Jesus Christ just as quick as you can, and stay there until God fills you with His Holy Spirit. For the hour is going to come when you're going to hunt for It, and It won't be there. So, be sure to do it.

Let's bow our heads, just a moment.

346 Heavenly Father, oh, I—I just, sometimes, Lord, stand here and—and I tremble. I think of that awful hour that's approaching, and I . . . There is no way to stop it. It's predicted it would come. And I thought of, "Why don't the people come and—and—and listen? And won't they come and accept It?" But, of course, I know that—that You—You said they wouldn't, so they won't.

347 But there is some that's got their names written on the Lamb's Book of Life. And when them Seals are throwed open there, they see their name there, and the Holy Spirit speaks to them. They come. You can't keep them away; no one can, no one. They're coming, anyhow, because You're leading them like You did those little birds, and the sheep and the cattle. Thou art God! Some instinct that them animals have, that they know that they must get away! And if instinct, to an animal, could warn him to flee

from danger, what should the Holy Spirit do to a Church that claims to be filled with It!

³⁴⁸ God, be merciful to us. Forgive us all, Lord, of our shortcomings. We don't mean to stand here in this pulpit and let these people stand around walls, and their limbs aching, and then just go away and say, "Well, that sounds very good." Lord, we want to do something about it. We, we want You to search our hearts. If there is anything wrong, Lord, let us know now. Please don't let us come to that hour, yonder, when it's too late. Search me. Try me, Lord.

³⁴⁹ Here, I stand here by the grace of God, seeing those Seals broke yonder, and come, telling the people. When, You predicted it would happen this way, weeks ago. And now, Father, here It is, right before us.

³⁵⁰ Now, Lord, try me. Search me. Search me, in my heart. Lord, we don't . . . We, we want You to look into our lives. And if there is anything in there, that's not right, just speak it to us, Lord. We want to make it right, right now; right now, while there is a Fountain filled with Blood, while there is a— a bleach that can cleanse our sins and unbelief. We want to plunge our souls beneath that; all of our unbelief. God, help our unbelief; take it away from us, Lord.

³⁵¹ We want to receive rapturing grace. We want to be able, when that mysterious Thunder thunders out yonder, and the Church is taken up, we want to be ready to receive It. Lord, grant it.

³⁵² Try us, Lord, by Thy Word. Let us look into It.

³⁵³ And if we see that we have failed, if there are those here, Lord, who were baptized in titles, knowing nothing about the real, true baptism, may I be as faithful as Paul, when he passed through the upper coast of Ephesus, and he found disciples screaming, and shouting, and having a glorious time, he said unto them, "Have you received, then, the Holy Ghost since you believed?"

They know not whether there be any.

He said, "Then to what was you baptized?"

And they had been baptized by that glorious, holy prophet, but they only baptized unto repentance.

³⁵⁴ Then they were rebaptized, in the Name of Jesus Christ. And Paul commanded them to be baptized, over again.

³⁵⁵ Lord, in the Light of Your Word: I command every person, that's not baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, to hasten to the water, quickly, while you have a chance. You who have not

been filled with the Holy Ghost, I command you, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, fall to your knees, and don't get up until the Holy Spirit has sanctified you thoroughly and filled you with His love and goodness, until your soul is so satisfied in the Presence of God that your whole desire is to serve Him, and walk for Him, and work with Him, all the rest of your life.

³⁵⁶ Grant it. I pray that God will give you this charge, in Jesus Christ's Name.

I love Him, I love Him
Because He first loved me

Do you really love Him? Now put your hands up.

And purchased my salvation
On Calvary's tree.

³⁵⁷ [Brother Branham begins humming *I Love Him*—Ed.] If there is any sitting, that feels their need tonight, feels that they need to be baptized, or needs the baptism of the Holy Spirit. You know your need; it's been revealed to you, and you want to be remembered in prayer. There is none of us can give It to you. Oh, we can baptize you. But, the only thing, we can't give you the Holy Spirit. God does that, alone. But you feel your need, that God is speaking to your heart, that you need It, and you want us to remember you in prayer. Would you stand up, so we can know you, know who you are? God bless you. A need? The Lord bless you.

³⁵⁸ I guess there is a hundred and fifty, maybe, standing here. Maybe is like that, if I could see all. I don't know what's in the rooms, and around the outside, holding their hands up, and so forth. But you have a need.

Now let's pray.

³⁵⁹ Now, you who see those people that's standing by you. And they are standing as a witness, before Christ, "I—I—I need You, Lord. I need You. I—I'm trusting I'm—I'm one of those that's going to find my name tonight behind that Seal yonder, that was put on There from the foundation of the world. Something struck my heart, and I'm standing, Lord. Is it me? Are You calling me? I want You to reveal, to me, my name over There. Fill me, and seal me into Yourself, by the Holy Ghost." You who have already been sealed in, I want you to raise up. Turn around to them, and lay your hands upon them, to pray for them. [Brother Branham pauses—Ed.] Now be deadly sincere. [The whole congregation begins praying.]

³⁶⁰ Heavenly Father, in the Name of the Lord Jesus, let the great Holy Spirit move upon this audience, as a rushing wind, and call to every heart here, Lord. And send down the baptism of the Holy Spirit, upon these people.

And there is water waiting.

³⁶¹ “While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on them that heard the Word, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost.”

[The whole congregation continues praying—Ed.]



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