

The Bride Is Making Ready For The Coming Of The Lord

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Revelation 22:16-17, 20-21

¹⁶ I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

¹⁷ And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

²⁰ He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

²¹ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

2 Timothy 4:6-8

⁶ For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

⁷ I have fought a good fight, I
have finished my course, I have
kept the faith:

⁸ Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

The Coming Of The
Lord Is The Greatest
Thing That Can
Happen To The
Church

57-0417 - The Second Coming Of The Lord

24 It was such a great thing to John, the revelator, on the Isle of Patmos, that when he saw the preview of the Coming of the Lord.

When he saw the curses that
rested upon the unbeliever,
and the blessings that rest
upon the believer, he screamed
out, “Even so, come, Lord
Jesus!”

It so thrilled his heart after all
he had seen, the events before
His Coming, he screamed,
“Even so, come, Lord
Jesus!” And when the whole
church age had been passed in
his view,

and he seen everything in
major, the way it would happen,
then the scream, “Come, Lord
Jesus!” It must be a glorious
thing that the Coming of the
Lord draws near at hand.

57-0417 - The Second Coming Of The Lord

19 ...And this great subject
that we have here before us
now is one of the most vital
subjects in the entire Holy
Writ.

There's nothing so important
as the Coming of the Lord
Jesus.

For if He does not come, we have been found false witnesses, our dead that's in the grave are perished, and there is no hope left for us if Jesus doesn't come visibly the second time.

And in the very...this light, in the very light of the Second Coming, was so important, that this holy week that we are now approaching,

that Jesus, when He was
approaching it at the first time
in the very shadows of the
Cross, He spoke very little of
His death, burial, and
resurrection.

He spoke more on His Second
Coming than He did on His
death, burial, and
resurrection. So in the light of
this, it must be a very
important subject.

20 In the Old Testament, there
is many times more Scriptures
in the Old
Testament pertaining to the
Second Coming of Christ than
there was to the first Coming
of Christ.

Everything to the human race,
now after the atonement has
been made, rests solemnly
upon the Second Coming of
the Lord.

21 ...And as we are now
approaching, to my most
sincere thoughts, we are living
in the very shadows of His
Second Coming.

There, to my way of seeing it
by the light of the
Scripture, there is not one
hope left for the Church
outside the Second Coming of
the Lord.

The world in its wild
pandemoniac condition has got
completely out of control, of
every man-made organization in
the world.

Kings cannot hold their subjects²⁵
no more, neither can dictators
hold their subjects
anymore, democracy cannot
hold its subjects anymore, and
there is no hope left but the
Second Coming of the Lord
Jesus.

He's Coming For
Those Who Love His
Appearing

59-0510E - Who Is This?

54 And as I talked to this man about this, and told that experience, I said this. I said, “Sir, oh, won’t it be glorious when we see Him? Oh, if He would come today!”

He said, “Brother Branham,
don’t scare the people like
that.”

I said, “What do you mean?”

55 He said, “Oh, don’t try to tell people that the world is coming, or Christ is coming. It worries them.”

56 “Oh,” I said, “no. I beg your
pardon. To those who are
looking for Him, it’s the most
glorious news that they could
hear,

that Jesus is just about to
break through and to take His
Church.” Old age will be
changed for youth. Joy will be
given in the stead of gloom.

Life will be given in the stead
of death. Immortality for
morality, will be exchanged.
Oh, what a moment, to know
that He shall come!

62-0609E - Letting Off The Pressure

14 The world seems to be in that same condition, know that something is lingering near, something's fixing to happen.

It builds up a pressure, of course, to the sinner. But the Christian who's instructed in the Word ought to know that that's the coming of the Lord.

It ought to build up a glorious
jubilee in the Christian,
knowing that the end is nigh.

Someone said not long ago to me, said, “Brother Branham, you—you scare the people when you talk about He might come in the next hour.”

I said, “Scare what people? Not
His people,” See? That’s the
greatest note that we can
sound. That’s what we’re
looking for. “Behold, the
Bridegroom coming.” Why,
that’s what we live for.

That's the hour that we're all
living for. I know nothing could
be greater than that hour. But
to the sinner, of course, it's a
terrible thing.

15 I was talking...Sometime I'm in and out different places, preaching, but somewhere I must've made this remark, might've been here.

But when a storm is coming up over a parched land, and we can feel that cool breeze, we know that rain is fixing to come.

It ought to make us happy to breathe, because that air has come through the rain, and it's just the fore announcement of the coming rain.

And when Christians sees the
thing today happening that's
happening, it's the fore
announcing of the coming of
the Lord.

We can feel the breeze off of
it, it's so close. What a
refreshing feeling to those
that's not scared of a storm to
have a abiding place.

63-1128E - The Token

102 That's the way the Church
ought to be.

Just seeing that, the Power of
God, what It's done for us, we
should be counting the
moments, getting together in
love, that we can fly away,
someday, to meet Jesus.

103 Somebody said, not long ago, said, “Brother Branham, you scare the people, saying that, ‘The Coming of the Lord is so near!’”

104 I said, “They shouldn’t be
worried about that. That
should be the most happy
thing we know of.” Yeah.

105 “And He will appear the
second time, to all those that
love His appearing,” who love
and longing for it. It’s a love
affair.

And how we ought to love one another, because we're fellow citizens in the same Body! We should have love, one for another.

There Is A Ready To
Be Made

Matthew 25:1-13

1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

² And five of them were wise,
and five were foolish.

³ They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

⁴ But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

⁵ While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

⁶ And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

⁷ Then all those virgins arose,
and trimmed their lamps.

⁸ And the foolish said unto the
wise, Give us of your oil; for our
lamps are gone out.

⁹ But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

¹⁰ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

¹¹ Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

12 But he answered and said,
Verily I say unto you, I know you
not.

13 Watch therefore, for ye know
neither the day nor the hour
wherein the Son of man
cometh.

58-1012 - The Sudden, Secret
Going Away Of The Church
118 Now you say, "Certain
things will take place, then I'll
make ready." Make ready now.

I've just related to you of Pearl Harbor and of many places where they refused to hear the warning. They refused to listen to it. Nothing was left but Divine judgment upon the people.

Now, all that will not go in
Christ will be under God's
wrath and Divine judgment.
Please don't let that happen to
you.

119 No matter what the
Branham Tabernacle ever turns
out to be, don't you let it be
you. You be a servant of Christ.

No matter what the church
world does, you be a servant of
Christ. It's not up to the
Branham Tabernacle, neither is
it up to any other church.

It's up to you, as an individual,
to be ready at the Coming of
the Lord. You must be ready. I
must be ready.

I'll sweep my own steps. It's
up to you
to sweep your steps. Leave
mine alone; me leave yours
alone. You've got to make your
garment ready.

62-0121E - The Marriage Of The
Lamb

53 And, that, we know that
there is going to be a
Bride, and there's going to be a
wedding supper served in the
skies.

That's just as sure to be, as
God is, because it's His Word.

And we know that those that
are going to make up that
Bride is going to be His
Church, and they're going to
appear before Him without
spot or wrinkle.

And they have the material on
earth now to make themselves
ready. If you notice, It said,
“She has made herself ready.”

61-1112 - A True Sign That's Overlooked

48 Noah was a sign in his day,
to the people, of the coming
judgment.

Noah in his day was considered a fanatic. He was a prophet. He was considered one that did not have good mind.

And the man hammered away,
for year after year, building an
ark, when there's not even
water on the earth but what
was in the springs.

And he predicted something that was ridiculous, to the carnal mind. He said, “There’s coming water from up in the sky.”

49 No doubt, that many would say to him, “Show me where it’s at.” The science would say, “I can prove there’s no water up there.”

But, yet, if God told him that it was coming from the skies, God will see to it that His Word is fulfilled.

50 And while there was yet no
water in sight, while there had
never been a cloud in the
skies, never had rained a drop,
there never, wasn't such a
thing as rain,

yet, all the time, Noah was
preparing an ark for the rain.
It was a living evidence that
this prophet believed what he
was talking about, for he was
making ready for it.

51 And any persons that really believe what you're talking about, you'll make ready for it.

61-0311 - Be Not Afraid

15 I believe the Lord is coming soon. I preach that. I live that. I want to believe that and stay with that. That's right. And if you preach and say, "The Lord's coming soon,"

and—and doing things, looks
like it's going to be a million
years yet 'fore He comes, well,
your own works condemns
your testimony. See?
That—that...If He's coming
soon, let's make ready. Let's...

Like The Woman
Who Had Lost A Coin

Luke 15:8-9

⁸ Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it?

⁹ And when she hath found it,
she calleth her friends and her
neighbours together, saying,
Rejoice with me; for I have
found the piece which I had lost.

57-0417 - The Second Coming Of
The Lord

67 Brother, we the Church of
the living God, in these great
hours that we're now living, it
behooves us to check up, go
before God,

light the candle of the Word of
the Gospel, and examine
ourselves and find out if we're
not falling short, and especially
when we see all these things
coming.

We're at the end time, the
Coming of Christ is at hand.
There's not another hope in the
world for the Church.

68 And, look, the church is
lollyng. The church has no
conscience no more. You can
hardly wake them up.

The Bible said they would come
in that condition when they'd
say, "Lo, our Lord delays His
Coming.' And they'll be
devouring and biting one
another, and so forth, and
fighting around."

It's just exactly that
hour. Everything's ready. The
pages is turned, as it was like
that, and it's ready, the
Coming of the Lord.

69 The Lutheran church lost her light. The Methodist church lost her light. The Baptist church lost her light. The Pentecostal church lost her light. Every light seems to be gone.

We Understand By
The Books

Daniel 9:1-3

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

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

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

61-0730M - Gabriel's

Instructions To Daniel

87 Now, back to the lesson.

Daniel had been reading.

Just think, Daniel read the same Words that we are reading this morning. Daniel read the same Bible, the same punctuation,

the same sentences, the same things that I'm, by the help of God, will read you in the next few Messages, the same thing, to show you that we are at the end time.

And Daniel, taking the Word from Jeremiah, goes down into Babylon. And he was the anointed prophet.

And he performed miracles, sign,
could interpret unknown
tongues, and done signs and
wonders among them. Yet,
standing alone, by himself!
Amen! He stood alone.

88 But Jeremiah had wrote
these Words many, many years
before. And Daniel,
interpreting the Word, got...

“Say, now wait a minute.
We’re coming near the end
time, for I’ve already been
down here sixty-eight years.
And the prophet of the Lord,”
amen, “my brother,

the true prophet of God that
proved himself a prophet,
prophesied to us. I've got it
wrote here in a book, that said,
'Seventy years will be
accomplished.'

O Lord God, we're nearing the
end. All that generation has
died out. What will You do
now, Lord? You promised to
send us..." And he set himself in
order, to pray.

89 O God, if there ever was a
time that we ought to be
setting ourself in order, to
pray, it's now. For, we as His
true servant, we see, by the
Letters of the apostle,

by the warnings of the Holy Spirit, that we're in the last day. The Holy Spirit speaks, "That in the last days, men will be heady, highminded,

lovers of pleasure more than of
God, trucebreakers, false
accusers, incontinent, and
despisers of those that are
good.” I understand by Letter.

90 And I understand that there
will come scoffers, in the last
day. I understand that there
will be nation against nation, in
the last day. I understand that
there will be tidal waves, in the
last day.

I understand that there will be
fearful sights, like flying
saucers, in the heaven,
mysterious sights, and men's
hearts will be failing for fear.

There'll be a perplexity of time,
and a distress amongst the
people. I read that they'll all go
into organizations and
denominations, and have a
confederation, in the last day.

I understand that the women
will bob off their hair in the last
day. I understand they'll wear
short clothes, and walk with
high-heeled shoes, tinkling as
they go, in the last day.

I understand that morale will
be very low in the last day. I
understand that the preachers
will be false shepherds in the
last day, that'll compromise,

and will not feed the people
the Word of God, but will go
after creeds and things,
instead. But I understand
there'll be a Voice come in the
last days, crying out of the
wilderness,

calling the people back to the
original Message, back to the
things of God. I understand, by
the Book, those things will
take place.

91 I understand that in the last
days there will come a
famine. The churches will be so
organized, and so set and
everything, that in the last
days there will come a famine,

and it will not be for bread and
water only, but for hearing the
true Word of God. And people
will go from the east, from the
west, from the north,

and the south, seeking to hear
the true Word of God. But the
churches will be so organized
and tightened up, that they'll
fail to hear It.

I understand that by
Books. But, in that day, O God,
there will be a Branch rise up
from David.

92 I understand that He will
send Elijah before that day
comes at the end time, and he
will have a Message that'll turn
the hearts of the children back
to the fathers,

turn them back to the original,
go back again to the end, and
start. I understand that will
take place just before the
Spirit leaves the Gentile
church, to return to the Jews.

93 And I don't understand by only by Letter. I do by the Word, by the written Word, that Israel will return to her homeland; and I see her going in.

94 I understand by Letters, of the prophets, that Israel will become a nation. They'll re-establish the temple worship.

God will go to dealing with her again when she comes to her homeland. Oh! Two prophets will rise in the last days, with them.

I understand that. Just as the Gentile Church moves out, two prophets will arrive, Elisha and Moses, to Israel. We'll get it as we go through.

98 There is an old pentecostal
generation that raised up,
forty years ago.

“Old fighters,” they was
called. They organized, and
beat, and fussed, all down
through Mount Horeb and
Nebo, all through there.

But, finally, we're at the river
now. He is going to raise up a
new one, with a Joshua to take
them over. The law failed;
Moses went with it; Moses
failed. Joshua took them over.

We find out that the
organizations has failed, but
the Spirit of God...Joshua, the
word *Joshua*, means “Jesus our
Saviour.”

That, the Holy Spirit will come
into the Church. Not an
organization, but the Holy
Spirit will get among the
people and make Her ready to
go up, cross Jordan.

I understand by the reading of
the Book that that's what's to
take place. And God knows
that's what I'm seeking now,

that I might comfort His
people and tell them what's at
hand, both here this morning,
and out through the lands that
these tapes will go, world
wide, that we're at the end
time.

So Many Are Trying
To Be Ready, But Only
The Bride Is Doing It
Right

The Prophet Guides
The Bride On How
To Make Ready

Esther 2:12-18

¹² Now when every maid's turn was come to go in to king Ahasuerus, after that she had been twelve months, according to the manner of the women, (for so were the days of their purifications accomplished, to wit, six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odours, and with other things for the purifying of the women;)

¹³ Then thus came every maiden unto the king; whatsoever she desired was given her to go with her out of the house of the women unto the king's house.

¹⁴ In the evening she went, and on ¹³⁶
the morrow she returned into the
second house of the women, to the
custody of Shaashgaz, the king's
chamberlain, which kept the
concubines: she came in unto the
king no more, except the king
delighted in her, and that she were
called by name.

¹⁵ Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her.

¹⁶ So Esther was taken unto king Ahasuerus into his house royal in the tenth month, which is the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign.

¹⁷ And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti.

¹⁸ Then the king made a great feast unto all his princes and his servants, even Esther's feast; and he made a release to the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the state of the king.

63-0324M - Questions And
Answers On The Seals

**174. Should evangelists
continue on the field?**

82 “In this hour,” of course,
what they mean. Certainly, by
all means. Don’t change a
thing.

If Jesus is coming in the morning, preach today like if it was going to be ten years from today, but live like it's going to be at this hour.

83 Don't—don't get scrupled
up now. That's what I'm trying
to warn you about, see. Just
don't be odd, peculiar.

Don't change nothing. But if
you're doing something wrong
or doing evil, repent, see, come
back to God. Continue on your
evangelistic service just as you
always did.

84 If you're building a house,
put it on up. Jesus comes
tomorrow, you be found faithful
at the duty.

If you're building a church, go on, put it up. I'd rather be putting my money in something like that, than be found with it in my pocket. See?

85 So just—just keep on,
continue as you are. Everybody
understand
now? [Congregation says,
“Amen.”—Ed.]

Continue right on, and just go
right on as you are. Now,
just—just don't stop. Don't do
nothing...Just go right on just
as you are. Keep on serving the
Lord.

63-0324M - Questions And Answers On
The Seals

16 And the—the church, you're
not supposed to know these
things, so don't put no
interpretation to anything.
See? You just go ahead and just
remember what you're told.

Live a Christian life. Go to your church. Be a real light wherever you are, and just burn for Christ, and tell the people that how you love Him.

And just let your testimony be
with love, all the time, with the
people. See? Cause, if you
don't, you twist yourself out
into something there,

and then you're—you're off the beaten track. See, every time you've tried to do it, you've done that. See? So just don't, don't, don't try to make no interpretation.

17 And especially, tonight,
when that Seal becomes up in
front of you, see, just don't try
to interpret it. You just go
ahead and just be humble, and
go right on with the same plain
Message.

It Is An Individual
Affair

58-1005M - Hear His Voice

80 But listen to His still small
Voice. Every one of you people
who profess to be Christians,
get yourself quiet before Him.

Don't let the washing hinder.

Don't let the work

hinder. Don't let nothing

hinder.

Don't let nobody know what
you're doing. Just go before
Him. Get up in the woods
somewhere. Get out on the
side of the road.

Go into the secret closet and
close the door. When the kids
gets at school, there get down
on your knees. You've heard all
kinds of voices everywhere,

but just get down and stay
there until those voices are
silenced and you begin to lift
up. It'll change you. It'll make
you different, like It did this
little Samuel.

It'll do something to you if
you'll just do it. Now, It'll make
you what you should be. It'll
make you the kind of Christian
that you ought to be.

65-1128M - God's Only Provided
Place Of Worship

285 Now,
church, we're teaching now. Bu
t, remember, when you leave
here, start moving out of the
shuck now;

you're going into the grain, but
lay in the Presence of the
Son. Don't add, what I've said;
don't take away, what I've
said.

Because, I speak the Truth as
far as I know It, as the Father
has given to me. See? Don't
add to It, just say what I said.

286 The thing of it is, just tell
the people to come seek the
Lord Jesus.

And then you yourselves lay
right in His Presence, just
make love to Him, “O Lord
Jesus, Son of God, I love You.
Tender my heart, Lord.

Take away all the filth and the
love of the world, and let me
live holy in this present world
before You.”

The Bride Is Making
Ready By Being
United With The
Groom

63-0818 - The Uniting Time And Sign

113 But the Church, the Bride,
is united by one God, under
one Spirit, the Spirit of God, in
one holy Union of God, to be
one holy Bride to God.

That's right, all together; unity of the Body. The Body waiting as a Bride; as—as It is the Bride, as we call ourselves the Bride.

For the uniting time of the
Bride, the Church is so coming
together. It should create just
a love among us, that we could
hardly be away from one
another. That's right.

When you just, you don't have to beg people to pray, you don't have to beg them to worship God, you don't have to beg them to do what's right. They're just so in love with Him, till there's nothing else.

114 What do you think about a
little girl, a real pretty little
maid, that's going to marry
some handsome young man
that she's just so madly in love
with, it means more to her
than her own life,

and she knows right away that
they're going to get
married? As that wedding day
approaches, that little fellow,
I'm telling you, she's all
“walking around.”

See? She's just making
everything ready; she
surrenders completely to him.
That's right. Everything that
pleases him, that's just what
she wants to do.

Well, that should be the way of
the Church today, that our life
should be so hid in God
through Christ, sealed in there
by the Holy Spirit.

115 The thing I've been teaching to you here, is telling you of these signs and different things happening, I haven't got time to do it now;

will in another message, the Lord willing. But there's one little thing yet lacking in the Church. And we want that, to get to that, and I'm right on the edge of it now.

See? We want to get to that,
if...you got to do it. If you
don't do it, that's just all, you
must do it. For looky, the
uniting time is at hand, for God
is getting the Church together
to be a—

a Rapture to go to the wedding
for the Great Union: when God
and man will unite for
Eternity, when creatures of
time unite with the Eternal.

116 It was once done in the
form of the Son of man on
earth. And He had to give His
Life to bring about a power, to
unite other men with this
same Power, for the Bride of
Jesus Christ.

And now the Church is uniting
Itself to the Body of Christ. It's
got Itself free, cut away from
every little fetter, getting Itself
ready;

getting together, union among
them; oh, a love and joy, and
the Holy Spirit moving among
them. Oh, my, what a time!

65-1125 - The Invisible Union Of
The Bride Of Christ

268 Oh, that spiritual union of
Christ and His Church now,
when the flesh is becoming
Word,

and
the Word is becoming flesh,
manifested, vindicated. Just
what the Bible said would
happen in this day, it's
happening, day by day.

Why, it's cumulating so fast
out there, in those deserts, and
things taking place, that I
couldn't even keep up with it.

We're near the Coming of
Jesus, to be united with His
Church, where the Word
becomes the Word. Call of the
Holy Spirit, searching the
hearts!

His Presence Is What
Transforms Us Into
His Likeness In Order
To Meet Him

1 John 3:2-3

² Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

³ And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

2 Corinthians 3:18

¹⁸ But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

64-0614M - The Unveiling Of
God

234 Same now! The Glory, the
Power of the Holy Spirit, the
Shekinah Glory that comes
upon the believer,

now I mean the real believer,
that causes the works of God
and the faith to come into him,
to believe the Word of
God, that's all hid to them eyes.

They say, “Them things are passed.” You see, they’re still living behind the veil.

You’re not behind that veil anymore, little Ones, God has come in full view of you.

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89 So, when you watch nature, now we see where every age, and directly designed it out that we're in the last age.

The shuck has pulled away. And we've had fifteen years, nearly twenty now, years, of the Message sweeping across from nation to nation,

and this morning hooked-up
across this nation, see, and no
organization. It can't
organize. There has nothing
ever been like it, or will be
hereafter. See?

The—the thing that's the
matter with the Message
today, is, those who obtain It
in their hearts must lay in the
Presence of the Son, to get
ripened. See?

You can pick up the Message,
and then let the Son bake all
the greenness out of you, see,
making matured
Christians. See what I mean?

God is coming soon, to receive
His Church, and we must have
that type of Christians for Him
to receive. The—the wheat has
got to get ripe. All right.