

The Time Of Life

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GENESIS 18:1-33

» 1 † ¶ And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;

» 2 † And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,

» 3 † And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant:

» 4 † Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree:

» 5 † And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said.

» 6 † And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth.

» 7 † And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetcht a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it.

» 8 † And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.

» 9 † ¶ And they said unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent.

» 10 † And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him.

» 11 † Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.

» 12 † Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?

» 13 † And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old?

» 14 † Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.

» 15 † Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, Nay; but thou didst laugh.

» 16 † ¶ And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way.

» 17 † ¶ And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

» 18 † Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

» 19 † For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

» 20 † And the LORD said,
Because the cry of Sodom and
Gomorrah is great, and because their
sin is very grievous;

» 21 † I will go down now, and
see whether they have done altogether
according to the cry of it, which is come
unto me; and if not, I will know.

» 22 † And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.

» 23 † ¶ And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

» 24 † Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?

» 25 † That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

» 26 † And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.

» 27 † And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes:

» 28 † Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it.

» 29 † And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it for forty's sake.

» 30 † And he said unto him, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there.

» 31 † And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake.

» 32 † And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.

» 33 † And the LORD went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

1. Luke 17:30 To The
End Time Bride Is Gen.
18 For Abraham-
Revelation of the Son
of Man-in the 'Time of
Life'

65-0219 - This Day This Scripture Is Fulfilled

128 Now I ask you to consider the age and time we now live in, with the promised Word for today. If back in other ages, men could say, “this day this Scripture,” “this day this Scripture,” then what about the Scripture for this day?

What's promised for this day? Where are we standing? What hour are we living; when the clock is beating, the scientific clock, three minutes before midnight? World has got the jitters. The church is in a bed of corruption.

There nobody knows where they're standing. What time of day is it? What about the Scripture for this day? The conditions of the church, or, the conditions of the church today!

64-0419 - The Trial

62 At Green's Mill one night, not knowing what this all was about...Later I become a minister to serve the Lord. At Green's Mill one night...My pastors had just told me...I'd tell them about going,

having a...being able to see things, and they told me it was the devil. And me being a Christian, I didn't want nothing to do with the devil, not at all. So I went up there, said, "Lord, I can't let...go through life like this."

And I set up there in a little place way back at a fishing camp, praying. And one night there, as Lord had spoke to me, and at a tree, like He did to Moses. Then here on this Green's Mill, there come a Man in and told me that, not to try to ask him, "Get rid of This,"

but It was a gift sent from God, that was to be taken to the peoples of the world, and to let me know by the Scriptures that all these things that had been promised according to the Bible must be fulfilled, that the time was at hand.

63 And I went back and told my pastor. I went down and told him, and he said, “Billy, what have you eat? Did you have a dream, was that a nightmare?” But, to me, it was Malachi 4. He said, “How you going to do it?” It was Luke 17:30. It was also Revelation 10.

It was also all these Scriptures that's been promised for the last days. I didn't see it done right then. People wondered, "When's this going to happen?" But I just held on.

64 One day at the river, I was baptizing five hundred people at the river, when, all of a sudden, this same Light that come in when I was a little boy. And I had told the people I had been seeing it.

They said I was dreaming and it was some kind of a mental conception that I had. But before better than five thousand people, at two o'clock in the afternoon, in 1933, out of the skies come this Cloud coming down, speaking these Words,

“As John the Baptist was commissioned to forerun the first coming of Christ, your ministry will forerun the second coming of Christ,” where thousands times thousands of people heard it, and newspapers give witness of it.

65 I want to say, and I want to call this to the attention of that blind prosecutor that's looking around for some man to have thorn prints and nails, and everything like that. It doesn't say that! It doesn't give such a promise.

66 We read here in Luke, the 17th chapter and the 30th verse, Jesus speaking, “As it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be when the Son of man will be revealed.”

When He's being revealed! I want to draw your attention to this just for a few minutes, if you'll bear with me just a few minutes longer now. Be real reverent for just a few minutes.

67 Notice, Jesus packed three names; Son of man, Son of David, Son of God. He had three names. All the same person, but with three names. Just like Father, Son, Holy Ghost; all the same God, three attributes.

68 Just like me. My wife calls me husband. My children has nothing to do with me by the name of husband, I am their daddy.

My little grandson sitting over there, has nothing to do with me in the name of daddy, nothing in the name of husband, he is my grandchild. And it's all the same person.

69 And we notice when Jesus come and tried to reveal Himself as Son of man (don't miss this), when He revealed Himself and called Himself,

constantly, “the Son of man,” Israel was blinded. They knowed nothing about what Son of man meant. But they said, “Son of David,” when Blind Bartimeaus run out and recognized Him. *David* meant “King.”

Remember, Son of man, Son of David, Son of God (which was Lord). This Jew got what he asked for 'cause he approached Him in the Name of the Son of David, the King; He wasn't Saviour, but He was King.

70 But when the Greek woman, the Syrophenician approached Him in the name of Son of David, He never even as much as raised His head.

She had no claims on Him in the name of Son of David. He wasn't Son of David to that Syrophenician woman. But when she said, "Lord," then He turned around. He was the Lord. See? Lord, He was Lord! No Son of David to her.

71 Now, why wasn't He recognized as Son of man? The Son of man was the spiritual revelation, a prophet. *Son of man* means "prophet."

72 Now if you'll turn over in your Bibles to Ezekiel, the 2nd chapter and the 1st verse, you'll find out that Ezekiel was the prophet, the Word of God for that day.

And Jehovah Himself called him the son of man. Jehovah called him a man, the son of man, the same as Jesus revealed Himself as Son of man.

What was it? The promised Word of that hour being made manifest, same God! God of Ezekiel's time, God of Jesus' time, Son of man! He was not at that time...

73 He was the Son of man because He had come to reveal Himself to Israel as a Prophet, and they rejected it.

And that was the prophecy that they should receive Him in, in the name of the Son of man, a Prophet, because it was according to the Word. Deuteronomy 18:15, “The Lord your God shall raise up a Prophet likened unto me.”

And when He come, He identified Himself in His ministry as a man, not a Son of God, Son of man! God is a Spirit. And He revealed Himself as Son of man, what He claimed to be. And they was blinded and couldn't see it.

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

288 We all know that the church in that condition couldn't finish up this last day.

How could it bring Malachi 4 in? How could it do it? They don't even believe in such a thing. How could it believe, bring in Luke 17:30?

How could it bring in all these other Scriptures that's promised this last day? It couldn't do it, because it denies it. "As it was in the days of Lot, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man."

289 Look at the condition, Lot, that Sodom was in, in that day. Look, condition of the church in the day. Look what happened to Abraham, the Elected.

290 Look what happened to Lot and them down in Sodom. Look at the Billy Graham and Oral Roberts, them down there amongst those denomination. Look at the elected Abraham Church, pulled out.

291 Look what kind of sign, that Jesus Himself, the incarnated God standing there in human flesh. You say, “That was an Angel.” The Bible said It was God.

64-0719M - The Feast Of The Trumpets
96 Notice, the last sign that they got,
before the son arrived, was Jehovah
talking to them in the form of a man.
And how they knowed this was Jehovah,
because He said, "Abraham," not
Abram.

Just a few days before, God had
changed his name. “Where is thy wife,
Sarah?” Not S-a-r-r-a; but S-a-r-a-h,
“princess.”

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

97 And He said, “I,” that’s a personal pronoun, “I will visit you according to My promise. At the time of life, the next twenty-eight days, something is going to happen to Sarah.”

98 And Sarah, in the tent, smiled in herself, and said in her heart, “How could this be, seeing I’m old; and have pleasure with my lord, who is also old, Abraham?”

99 And the Angel, or, the Man said,
“Why did Sarah say that in her heart?”
In the tent behind Him! “Why did she
say these things cannot be?” See? A
Man in human flesh, like a prophet, yet
It was Elohim discerning the thought
that was in Sarah’s heart, behind Him.

100 And Jesus said, “As it was in the days of Lot, so will it be at the coming of the end of the world, when the Son of man,” not Son of God, “when the Son of man will be revealing.”

101 Hadn't had it through the age. See
that perfect continuity of the Scripture?
Here we live in it. The mysteries: even of
the baptism in the Name of the Lord
Jesus, and away from the Oneness idea;
and these other things, how the Holy
Spirit has moved that in and showed it
perfectly;

and the true Baptism of the Holy Spirit,
the Token, and everything, and placed
it; and how He placed every reformer
and everything, just exactly. And, see,
right before our own eyes, and it's not
in a corner. It's world-known.

Jesus, the Son of God, revealing Himself
by the Scriptures, making that Scripture
(that has been predestinated to this
day, like it was to that day, and all other
days) live. And to believe It, is the
evidence of the Holy Spirit.

**2. The End-time Bride is
Called into the Word to
Wait like Like Abraham
For The Promised Son**

64-0320 - God Identifying Himself By His Characteristics

136 Now we find out, one day he saw three man come, walking. The Bible said here, “It was in the heat of the day,” must have been about noon. These man walked up and was talking to him.

We understand that two of them went down in Sodom. I believe we spoke on it the other night. One of them stayed with him.

137 Watch this Man that he called...that stayed with him, what the Man did. One was identified by His characteristic, that He was Elohim.

138 Elohim, the very first word in the Bible, “In the beginning God...” Now, any of you scholars know that that word God there means, in the Hebrew, is “Elohim,” which means, “the Almighty, the all-sufficient, the self-existing,”

needs no help from nobody, needs nobody's interpretation; does His Own. He is the all-sufficient God, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent. He is God.

139 There He was. And Abraham now, this patriarch who had a hold of the Word, looked at this Fellow. And when this Fellow had His back turned to the tent, He said, “Where is your wife, Sarah?”

Said, “She is in the tent, behind You.”

140 Said, “I’m going to visit you according to the time of life, and you’ll have this baby that I promised you.”

141 And Sarah laughed about it. And the One was talking to him, told him what Sarah said in the tent, behind Him.

142 Now, in Genesis, you'll read that. We find out that then, Abraham, after this Man had identified Himself...

143 What was it? Hebrews, 4th chapter, the 12th verse, said, “The Word of God is sharper, more powerful than a two-edged sword, a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

144 He knew that this was the Man. He knowed there was no prophets in the land but him, and therefore the Word of the Lord had come to him. And he was the prophet, and here the Word come to the prophet.

145 Same thing with John the Baptist. There had not been a prophet for four hundred years. I remember...

146 Maybe old Doctor Davis is sitting here, tonight, the old Missionary Baptist preacher that baptized me in the Faith. He used to argue with me. He said, “Billy, you’re just a kid now. You got to listen to me.”

I said, “All right, Brother Davis, I’m listening.”

147 He said, “You see, John was not baptized. So he had been baptizing, but hadn’t been baptized; nobody was worthy to baptize him.” That’s good Baptist theology. “And here come Jesus, and said then...John said, ‘I have need to be baptized of Thee; why comest Thou unto me?’

And He said, ‘Suffer it to be so.’” He said, “And then when he ‘suffered’ Him,” said, “you see, then Jesus baptized John. And when He went out of the water, then the heavens opened and He saw God in the form of a dove, coming down and going on Him,

said, ‘This is My beloved Son, Whom I’m pleased to dwell in.’” But, no, not disagreeing with Doctor Davis, but he was wrong.

148 See, John was the prophet, and the Word always comes to the prophet. So if the Word was made flesh, It had to come to the prophet, anyhow; 'cause, he was testifying of the Word, and his very characteristic identified him that.

Here comes the Word, now what happened? As soon as he walked into the face of Jesus, John said, “I have need to be baptized of Thee; why comest Thou unto me?”

149 Jesus said, “Suffer it to be so, for thus it is becoming to us (behooveth us) to fulfill all righteousness.” John being the prophet; Him being the Word. He was the Sacrifice, and He was fixing to enter His earthly ministry, and the Sacrifice had to be washed before it was presented.

And John baptized Him, 'cause he knowed. "Suffer that to be so, for thus it's becoming to us to fulfill all righteousness." The Sacrifice had to be washed before presented, and so John baptized Him. It was not Jesus baptizing John. John baptized Jesus. "Suffer it to be so."

150 Notice, here was Abraham, and he had the Word of the Lord. The Word of the Lord come to him. He was the prophet. And now here comes the Word. He called him, “Abraham,” not Abram.

151 A few days before that, his name was Abram—was Abram, now it's Abraham. His wife was Sari, now it's "Sarah," not S-a-r-r-a; S-a-r-a-h. Not (A-b-r-a-h-a-m) A-b-r-a-m, but A-b-r-a-h-a-m, Abraham.

152 And this Man identified Himself,
when He said, “Abraham!” Oh, my!
Abraham said, “Elohim!”

153 There is the Word and the prophet, together, both characters identified.

154 Elohim, He said, “Where is your wife, Sarah?”

155 Said, “She is in the tent, behind You.” And the...Then the miracle was done. Elohim! Abraham called Him, “the all-sufficient, Almighty, omnipotent God.”

156 Jesus said, when He was on earth, He did the same thing that Elohim did. That identified His characteristic as being God.

157 And He said, before, “In the last days, just at the coming of the Son of man, when He is being revealed, this setting will take place again, like it was at Sodom.” Elohim among His people, the Almighty God! That’s what the Scripture says. Elohim among the people!

158 For forty years He has been baptizing us with the Holy Ghost, Elohim, God! And the church...

159 Look, Abraham seen one sign, another calling; a sign, a calling; a calling, a sign; waiting for that promised son. But the last sign that he saw, the last appearing, the last visit of God before the promised son arrived on the scene, was Elohim in human flesh. Then the promised son come.

160 And Abraham's Seed is waiting for the promised Son, Jesus Christ. And they've seen signs, the pouring out of the Holy Ghost, speaking in tongues, Divine healing, and so forth.

But when the Son of man is being revealed, Elohim will return back to the royal Seed of Abraham and show that same thing that He showed in that day, amen, Elohim, as it was! Why? It will be the characteristic of God.

60-0311 - Mary's Belief

52 Each night I been turning my back to the audience, that you might know and God a vindicates that the...

How many knows that Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man." He said it.

Now, what happened at Sodom? Now, He said, “As it was in the days of Noah, eight souls were saved by water.” Well, you see where the minority is going to be before the Cap’s put on, the Stone, comes back.

Now, that Chief Cornerstone goes into the building and fits it together. Now, He said what that would be. He said what they were doing in the days of Noah: eating, drinking, marrying, and giving in marriage. See?

53 But when He come to Sodom, He left that for the discernment of the church. Now see, there was a believer, lukewarm church member, and a unbeliever. And Abraham was out of Sodom, which means the elected and called out, the Church. And the one...

Two Angels went down into Sodom; they done a few things, such as smiting blind, putting curse on the people. To the church member...Had a meeting, called for mercy for them to run out, but they didn't do it. Just like the message goes forth today.

54 But there's one Angel Who stayed with the Church elect. And He said to Abraham (Now He was a Stranger.), He said, "Abraham, where is your wife, Sarah?" Your wife, Sarah? a Stranger. See? Said, "In the tent behind You."

Said, “I’m not going to keep this from you.” (“I”—personal pronoun now) “I’m not going to keep this from you, but according to the time of life, Sarah’s going to be a young woman again (You’ve heard me preach on it) and she’s going to go back, have this baby.”

And Sarah in the tent behind the man—never seen Him, in the tent laughed within herself.

And the Angel, with His back turned, said, “Why did Sarah laugh?”

Abraham called Him “Elohim”; not the man setting there eating steak and drinking milk, eating corn bread.

But it was the Spirit that was in Him. Now, what was it a sign of? That the Spirit of God would dwell in the flesh of people again and show the same sign before the end time. “As it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man.”

Now, Sodom was the one that burned; fire fell out of the heavens and burned them. And that's what's going to happen again; it ain't going to be water; it's going to be fire. So the Angel of mercy comes with the same message to warn the people, "Stay away from Sodom!"

59-0415E - The Faith Of Abraham

45 And as long as Abraham held on to two little things—his daddy died, had trouble with the old man till he did die...And then when Lot...come to a place to, well, there come a fuss. That's what's the matter with the churches today; we got so many fusses about denominations.

You haven't completely separated yourself from the things of the world yet. "Well, I belong to this, and I belong to that." But we belong to Christ. Amen. So he said, when he had...Lot begin to argue, their herdsmen did. And look at Abraham, the Christian, the man of God.

He gave the brother the—the first choice. He said, “You look this a-way, east, north, west and south. If you go east, I’ll go west. If you go north, I’ll go south. Just you take the first choice.” That’s the way a man ought to do.

46 And then when Lot looked up, begin to look over towards the Jordan plains, he seen they were well watered. There was a big city there: Sodom, Gomorrah, many of the cities, plenty grass, a possibility of making him a few dollars. He chose that.

That's a way a many Lot did: a few dollars. When he was looking at the well watered plains, he didn't see his wife turning to a pillar of salt. He didn't see the fire that was going to destroy the city and part of his children.

He didn't see the disgrace that his daughters was going to do because raising them up in a bunch of worldliness like they were raised in.

That's what you look at today, friends. It depends on what you're looking at as I taught the other night. We look at the unseen; we look at God's promise and call anything contrary to it as though it was not. That's Abraham's seed.

47 So Lot journeys himself and takes down to Hollywood, or some big place, you know, where he can...or a bigger church where they're little more classical people, you know, and just a little—little better educated preachers and so forth, you know.

Oh, he felt he'd be all right, but he'd just go down there. You see? He was on his road backsliding right then. "Well, you know, if I don't—if I get away from Divine healing, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, why, maybe the—the better class of church will accept me." There's no better class than Jesus Christ.

He was the One Who taught it. I'd rather take my lot with Him. Let the world go. Let every man's word be a lie and His be truth. Take your lot with Him. I've casted mine with Him thirty-one years ago. I've been preaching the Gospel thirty years. I'm not tired.

I wish I had ten thousand lives to give for it, because I know it's the truth. That's right. Never get tired, it grows sweeter every day. He means more to me than He ever did now. 'Cause I love Him more, I know more of Him now, of His grace and mercy to me.

48 So it makes no difference what the others say; I've got my own self to answer for before God. And you got yourself to answer for before God: your attitude, your faith, not the faith in your church. You ought to have faith in your church. That's all right.

You ought to stay with your denomination. That's all right. But first put your faith and trust in God. Be Abraham's children, not children of the church. Until you become children of Abraham...You'll be an example and a credit to your church.

3. These Are The Days
Of “As it Was in the
Days of Lot”
II Timothy 3:4

56-0224 - Jehovah-Jireh

32 And there was Lot walking right along with Abraham who was—was a believer too. But he didn't have that constant abiding Presence of God. So when the herdsmen got to arguing, Abraham, said, "We are brethren; let's not have any arguments."

And said, “You take the east; I’ll take the west. Or if you take the west, I’ll take the east. Which way you go, I’ll go vice versa.” That’s the way to make a decision.

“God, You do the leading.” Amen. I, that, I hope that sinks way down deep. Look. “You do the leading, God.”

And Lot, of course, as the worldly minded as he was, he looked down towards the well watered plains of Sodom and Gomorrah, and away he went. And let's say he become the chief man of the city, set in the gate where the judge always set.

He become the judge, or the mayor of the city. His wife belonged, perhaps, to every sewing circle there was done there. And she really got into the class. Certainly.

But look what a crowd they mixed up with. God told Abraham to separate himself. That's what God wants Christians to do today, is separate yourself from all the things of the world.

33 The Bible said, “If you love the world, the things of the world, it’s a good sign that the love of God is not even in you.” Amen. You’re so...As we were saying last night, if you love every other woman and your wife too, it’s a good sign you don’t love her. That’s one thing sure.

Why didn't you women say, "Amen." I want you to say it so bad. I was going to give the brethren a chance. All right. Right. If you really love her, you're sold out; that's all. And if you love God, you're sold out also when you love Him...

Now, notice. Then there come a time where there had to be a separation, or we'd call it a junction time. You know what, we've had...We're now facing that seventh junction. We're at that separating time now, where God is separating the church. You believe it? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.]

65-0725E - What Is The Attraction On The Mountain?

147 Everything that...That shall never die. It's constantly unrolling itself. From the very thing happening, to the picture being Jesus standing looking at us; and now exactly on Sunset Mountain, and the sunset Light.

The evening Light has come, God vindicating Himself. What is it? It is the facts that God and Christ are one. The “white,” how many seen it, the white wig upon Him, as we talked in Revelation 1?

See, the Supreme Deity, Supreme Authority; no other voice, no other god, no other nothing! “In Him dwells the fullness of the Godhead bodily.” The Angels Themselves was His wig. Amen.

148 What's happened upon Mount
Sunset? God confirming His Word.
That's what all this noise is
about. Notice, it's God fulfilling His
promised Word again, of Revelation
10:1 to 7, "And in the days of the
sounding of the seventh angel's
Message, the mystery of God should be
finished."

The hidden mystery of Revelation 10:1 to 7, the last Message to the last church age. Fulfills exactly, in this age, Saint Luke 17:30, “The day when the Son of man shall be revealed.”

61-0409 - Sirs, We Would See Jesus

50 You say, “Whereabouts, Brother Branham?” All right, I’ll give it to you in one Scripture right now as closing. Jesus said, “As it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man.” Is that right?

Let's take Sodom, see what He did. In Sodom Lot had separated himself, a lukewarm believer, and had went down into Sodom, and had built him up a nice reputation down there.

But Abraham stayed out of Sodom and lived according to the promise that God had given him. Now, always there's three classes of people; every meeting has them; every city has them; every church has them:

That is unbelievers, make-believers, and believers. That's exactly right. It's always been that way; it is yet today. Every congregation, every assembling together, even when the sons of God came up before God, there he was.

51 So we find out here that in the type of the Sodom...Now, watch how close He said this, how He said it, how He worded it. See? And Sodom was just before the fire fell. See? And that's what's fixing to fall now: Fire. We know that. This is a doomed world. We know it.

She's—she's without hope God, without God; she's lost, just a little remnant of people ready for the Rapture. This week, God willing, I'll prove that word by word.

Notice, we're a doomed people, or the world is; the Church is not. Thank God there's a remnant.

Notice, but now notice the last sign that Sodom received. He had been with Abraham all along, but one day, just before the burning of the city of Sodom and Gomorrah, we find out that they got a lot of perverts down there.

Look at the nations today. See? Every thought on a man's heart was evil, till they were perverting themselves in sexual affairs, so forth.

52 Notice. There were Three that came up to meet Abraham, looked like men, dust on Their clothes, and professed They were Strangers. And two of Them went down to preach to Sodom, trying to find ten people.

Remember, went down to Sodom, the lukewarm church, a modern Billy Graham and so forth, down in Sodom, preaching the Gospel, blinding the people by the Gospel. That's what the evangelist Billy Graham, and Oral Roberts and many of those great men of God has did: Shook the people.

This nation has been shook. The world knows about it, by the great ministry of these God-given men shook the nations with their ministry. But remember, the word *church* means, “called out.” Abraham had separated himself from all that stuff.

So the One that stayed behind and talked to Abraham, which Abraham called Him, “Lord,” that was God. I know you might disagree with that, but look what the Script...

Abraham was the one talking to Him, called Him, capital, “L-O-R-D”, Elohim, “Lord God.”

What was He doing? Abraham fed Him the meat of a calf, milk of a cow, butter, and cakes. And He eat it. And He was Elohim. What did Jesus refer to it? Now, watch.

53 Few days before that, God had changed the name of Abraham, or Abram, to Abraham. S-a-r-r-i, to S-a-r-a-h, Sarah, princess. Abraham, given Him part of His Name, Elohim, Abraham, as a father of nations.

And watch this One Who set and talked to him: a Man, dressed in clothes, dust on Him, eating meat just like any other human being.

He said, “Abraham, where is your wife, Sarah?” Watch the Scriptures.

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

He said, “I’m going to visit you.” That proved what He was, “I’m going to visit you according to My promise I give you. I’m going to visit you, and you’re going to have this baby, that you’ve waited twenty-five years on. She’s ninety and you’re a hundred now. So I’m going to give you that baby.”

And Sarah laughed in her heart to herself, said the Bible (and the Angel with His back turned to the tent), and said, “Me, an old woman, have pleasure with my lord out there, and him being old—old, also?”

And the Angel with His back turned,
God manifested in flesh, said, “Why did
Sarah laugh, saying within herself...”

54 What did Jesus say? “As it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be at the coming of the Son of man.” That same thing, God manifested in the flesh of His people, not Angels coming down,

but men, borned of the Spirit of God, with Eternal Life within their bosom, performing and doing the same thing that Angel did there at Sodom. “Sirs, we would see Jesus.” If He is alive today, and was in this church, He would do the same as He did then.

And this is the closing of the Gentile age.

The prophet said, “There’ll be a day, that could not be called day or night, but in the evening time it would be Light.”

55 Now, the sun, geographically rises in the east and sets in the west, the same sun. Well, now, when the S-o-n rose on the eastern people and showed forth His miraculous powers...We've had a day, it's been a dismal, rainy day.

We've had enough Light till we could join church, build organizations, and have a great time, be Christians, accept Christ. But that Son Light has never poured through since then. But this is...

Civilization has traveled with the sun. The oldest civilization's China. We've come...It's traveled from the east, coming west with the sun. We're at the West Coast now. And the Bible said, the prophet said, "It'll be Light in the evening time."

That same Son that rose in the east will be shining with His same power on the western people as He did on the east. “Sirs, we would see Jesus.” Why can’t we? Why can’t we when He promised it?

You say, “Brother Branham, that’s the Bible, but will It work?”

If It's God's promise it will work, it's got to work. Do you believe that? If He would come into this audience of people tonight, and perform, and do the same thing that He did when He was here then to let him know,

let you know, that He is here, the same Christ, would do the same thing, would you believe on Him? Raise your hands and say, “I would believe, if I could see it done.”

62-0712 - We Would See Jesus

77 Notice. Abraham, when it come to the time of separation, him and Lot, Lot went down in Sodom. And then it come to this place there where God was going to manifest Himself. And one day Abraham, setting in his tent door...

He represented the church spiritual. Now, there's three classes of people: the unbeliever, make-believer, and believer. Now, the unbeliever was the Sodomite. The make-believer was Lot, the normal church, the denominational church.

And the...Abraham represented the church elected, called-out, separated. He wasn't in Sodom to begin with. Oh, my. Watch. That Angel never went to that other church. He come to the elected Church.

78 Three of Them come up. And watch. When They come up, Abraham went out and said, “My Lord, come by. Set down,” setting in his tent door. There was something about those Men. They were Strangers, dust on Their clothes. But what it was, was God Himself and two Angels.

That's what the Bible said. Abraham called Him "Lord, Elohim." That's right. Lord God, Jehovah, the self-existing One. And He come up, and He set down, and They talked with Abraham. And two of Them got up and went down into Sodom.

And Abraham pleaded for Sodom. If He could find fifty, if He could find twenty, on down if He could find ten, and He promised to spare them for ten. Notice. Down in Sodom went two messengers, not doing any signs and wonders, a modern Billy Graham.

The only thing He done was blind them; and preaching the Gospel blinds the unbeliever. Notice. And he...They preached the Gospel and called out Lot. And his wife turned around and looked back. We know the story.

79 But that one that stayed with Abraham, watch Him. He was setting with His back to the tent, and He said, “Where...” Now, you remember, he had been Abram till just the day before, and she’d been S-a-r-a-i the day before.

But now, it's S-a-r-a-h, and he's
A-b-e-r-h-a-m. He said, "Abraham, where
is your wife Sarah?" S-a-r-a-h.
Said, "She's in the tent behind You."
And He said, "I'm going to visit you
according to the time of life."

How'd He know he was married? How'd He know he had a wife; and how'd He know her name was Sarah? But you notice, "I..." "I'm going to visit you" according to the promise that He'd made. "I" is a personal pronoun. It was God. See?

And—and He said, “The time of life with Sarah.

It’s going to be...She’s going to have the baby now.” She was right at a hundred years old.

And Sarah on the inside, laughed. And the Angel setting on the outside with His back turned to her,

said, “Why did Sarah laugh? saying within herself, ‘These things can’t be?’”
What kind of a telepathy was that? And finally, the Man gave the sign.
And Jesus said, “As it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be at the coming of the Son of man.”

4. The Promised Son Of Man Comes Down In The Revelation Of The Seven Seals-to IMPART LIFE

REVELATION 10:1-7

1 And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

2 And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth,

3 And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.

4 And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.

5 And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,

6 And swear by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:

7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

65-0418M - It Is The Rising Of The Sun

92 And to be waved again, we realize, in the last day, according to Luke 17:30, in the Son day again, “in the day that the S-o-n of man will be revealed,” or waved again over the people.

93 Now, Who is the Son of man? “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.” And if all the teaching that we have, and confirmation of the Word of God;

by Word of God, by signs, by wonders, we see today, that in the Book of—of Luke here, that as we just quoted from, or the—the Luke the 17th chapter and the 30th verse;

and Malachi 4, and the different Scriptures that we are acquainted with, that that Word again is waved over the people, that the dead traditions of man is dead, and the Son of God is alive again with the baptism of the Holy Spirit right among us, and is giving us Life.

59-1220M - Conference With God

222 Lot was the—the one that lives in the city, and has big times. And see how his daughters was, and how his sons was, and everything. That's just like the world today, Sodom, sin and everything. That's the church, nominal.

223 But the Church, spiritual, is the called-out group, separated. What kind of an Angel come to them? Now let's watch it. Now, remember, your Lord said, "As it was then, so will it be at the Coming of the Son of man." Jesus said so. "Heavens and earth will pass away, but My Words will never fail." Now listen close, and be quiet.

224 Now, this Angel has talked to Abraham. He said, “Abraham, where is your wife, Sarah?” How did He know he was married? How did He know he had a wife? And how did He know her name was Sarah? Strange, wasn’t it? And Abraham said, “She is in the tent, behind You.” Uh-huh.

225 He said, “Abraham, seeing that—that you believe God, and you’re going to be heir to the world, all the Gentiles and all will be brought into the Kingdom by your Seed, by your...the promise is made to you, I’ll not keep any prom-...anything hid from you, Abraham.” Oh, I love that.

“I won’t hide this from you, Abraham. But you’ve believed Me, for that baby, for twenty-five years. Now you’re a hundred years old, and she’s ninety. But, Abraham, according to the time of life...” In a mixed audience, you know what I mean, the twenty-eight days.

She had stopped, fifty years, or more, yeah, sixty years before that. Said, “According to the time of life with Sarah, I’m going to visit you again, and you’re going to bring that baby.”

226 And Sarah, behind Him, in the tent, flaps closed, laughed within herself. Just... [Brother Branham imitates a silent laugh—Ed.] And said in herself, “Could I have pleasure with my lord?” What do you call your husband? “Will I have pleasure with my lord again, seeing that I’m old, and he’s old, too?”

227 And the Angel, with His back turned, said, “Why did Sarah laugh? What made her laugh?” Don’t you see? What kind of a Spirit, what kind of an Angel, was that, visiting that elect Church there?

228 Now, Jesus said that same thing will take place just before His Coming. That'll be a sign of His Coming.

5. In The Days Of The
VOICE All The
Mystery Of God Should
Be Finished

62-1230e Is This The Sign Of the End Sir?

241 The seventh angel of Revelation 10:7 is the seventh church-age messenger. See? Now watch. “And in the days...” Now watch here:

But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished,...

242 Now, sounding forth, this messenger, the seventh angel here is sounding forth his Message to the Laodicean church. Notice his type of Message. Now, it wasn't to the first angel, wasn't given That; second angel, third, fourth, fifth, sixth.

But it is the seventh angel that had this type of Message. What was it? Notice his type of Message, “Finishing all the mysteries of God, that are written in the Book.” The seventh angel is winding up all the mysteries that’s laying loose-ended, all out through these organizations and denominations.

The seventh angel gathers them up, and finishes the entire mystery. That's what the Bible said, "Finishes the mystery of the written Book."

243 Now let's note a few of these mysteries, and if you want to write them down. First, I'll take what Scofield says here, in Matthew 13. If you'd like to type some of them down, if you haven't got a Scofield Bible, you might read what he thinks some of the mysteries are.

Now, in the 11th verse:
*And he answered and said unto them,
Because it's given to you (His
disciples), because it is given to you to
know the mysteries of the kingdom of
heaven, but not to them, but to them it is
not given.*

244 The mysteries, here is “the mystery.” A mystery is Scripture, is a previously hidden Truth now Divinely revealed, but (which is) a supernatural element still remains despite the revelation. The greater mysteries and the great mysteries are:

245 Number one, the mystery of the Kingdom of Heaven. That's the one we're talking on now. 13, Matthew 13:3 to 50.

246 Now, second mystery is the mystery of Israel's blindness during this age. Romans 11:25, with the context.

247 Third, third mystery is the mystery of the translation of the living saints at the end time of this age. First Corinthians 15, and also Thessalonians 4:14 to 17.

248 The fourth, mystery of the New Testament Church as one Body composed of both, Jews and Gentiles. Ephesians 3:1 to 11, Romans 16:25, and also Ephesians 6:19, Colossians 4:3.

249 The fifth mystery is of the Church as the Bride of Christ. Ephesians 5:28 to 32.

250 Sixth mystery is of the living Christ, same yesterday, today, and forever. Galatians 2:20, and Hebrews 13:8, and many places like that.

251 The seventh mystery is of
God, even Christ as the incarnate
fulness of the Godhead embodied, in
Whom all Divine wisdom...
...and godliness is restored to man.

252 Ninth mystery is the mystery of iniquity, found in Second Thessalonians, and so forth.

253 The tenth mystery is of the seven stars of Revelation 1:20. We just been through that, “The seven stars of the seven churches, the seven messengers,” and so forth.

254 And the eleventh mystery is mystery Babylon, the prostitute. Revelation 17:5 to 7.

255 That's some of the mysteries that this angel is supposed to wind up, all "the mystery," all the mysteries of God. And the other:

256 May I say this with reverence, and not referring to myself, but referring to the Angel of God.

257 The serpent's seed, that's been a hidden mystery, all through the years.

258 The grace, straightened out; not disgrace, but real, true grace.

259 No such a thing as an Eternal,
burning hell. You'll burn for millions of
years. But, anything that was Eternal,
had never a beginning or a end; and hell
was created.

All these mysteries!

260 The mystery of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, without sensation, but the Person of Christ performing in you the same works that He did.

261 The mystery of water baptism. Where, the extreme trinitarianism has brought it into titles of “Father, Son, Holy Ghost.” And the mystery of the Godhead being fulfilled in the baptism of the Name of “Jesus Christ,”

according to the Book of the Revelation, that the Church in this time was to receive.

There is some of the mysteries.

262 The Pillar of Fire returning back.
Amen! That's the thing that's supposed
to take place, and we see it.
Oh, how we could go on, naming the
mysteries!

263 Seeing that Pillar of Fire that led the children of Israel, the same One that struck down Saul on his road down to Damascus! And the same One coming, with the same Power, doing the same things, and revealing the same Word, staying Word-by-Word with the Bible!

264 The sounding of the trumpet, means “Gospel” trumpet. And the sounding of a trumpet, in the Bible, means, “Get ready for Scriptural war.” Are you getting it down? Scriptural war!

63-0318 - The First Seal

195 Now, them reformers knowed there was something wrong. Luther knowed that, that that bread wasn't the body of Christ. And so he preached, "The just shall live by faith," and that was his message.

And when John Wesley come along, he saw that there was sanctification, so he preached sanctification. That was his message. See? The Pentecostals brought in the message of the Holy Ghost, and so forth.

196 But in the last days, in this last age, the messenger is not to start any reformation, but is to take all the mysteries that those reformers left off, and gather them together and solve them to the people.

Let me just read It again. It sounds so good to me! I—I like to read It.
...I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud:...a rainbow...upon his head, and his face was...the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

197 Now, we've saw the same thing, which was Christ. And we know Christ is always the Messenger to the Church. All right. He is called the Pillar of Fire, the Angel of the Covenant, and so forth.

And he had in his hand a little book opened:...

198 Now, the Seals had done been
broke, here. We're breaking them now.
But, this, the Thing is open.
...and he set his right foot on the sea,
and his left...on the earth,

And he cried...a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he...cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. (My! The complete!)

And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I John was about to write (write what?) what they said:

and I heard a voice from heaven (God) saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not. Don't write them.

(See?)

And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea...lifted up his hands to heaven,

And swear by him that lives for ever and ever, who created the heavens, and the things in there are, and the earth, and the things that are therein there, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:

199 Watch! Don't forget this now, as we go.

But in the days (days) of the voice of the seventh angel,...

200 That last angel, earthly angel. This Angel come down from Heaven. It wasn't Him; He come from Heaven. But He is speaking here of the voice of the seventh angel, which is a...Angel means a "messenger," anybody knows that, and the messenger to the church age.

...in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery (Seven Seals, all, all the mystery) of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

201 The entire mystery is unfolded. That's the ministry of that angel. See? Be so simple, people just drop over the top of it. But, yet, it'll be perfectly vindicated. It'll just be perfectly known. See? Everybody that wants to see it can see it. See? That's right. But those...

202 Jesus said, as He said when He come, said, “You got eyes, and can’t see. Isaiah said you did. See? And you got ears, and you can’t hear.” Now, so we find out that...

203 That scared me. I looked back there at that clock and I thought it was ten o'clock. But, it's, I—I got...It ain't even nine, yet, see. All right. Oh, my! Let's get it now. Notice. I love this.

204 Others, reformers, but, by being great men of God, seen the need of the day, and brought forth reformation.

205 But Revelation 10 said his Message was to reveal, not reform; reveal the secrets. Reveal secrets! It's the Word in the man. Hebrews 4 said, that, "The Word of God is sharper than a two-edged sword, piercing even to the asunder of bone, and a Revealer of the secrets of the heart." See?

This man is not a reformer. He is a revealer, revealer of (what?) the mysteries of God. Where the churches has got it all tied up and everything, he is to come forth with the Word of God and reveal the thing out.

206 Because, he is to “restore the Faith of the children back to the father.” The original Bible Faith is to be restored by the seventh angel. Now, oh, how I love this! All the mysteries of the Seals, that the reformers never understood fully! See? Now look at Malachi 4, just a minute.

Well, you just mark it down. He is a prophet, and, “restores the original Faith of the fathers.” Now we’re looking for that person to appear on the scene. He’ll be so humble that ten millions times ten millions will..Well, there’ll be a little group that will understand it.

6. The Bride will
manifest Evidence
and Attributes of the
The Angel's
Visitation:

A hearty Welcome: A family
Feast: Communion/Intercession:
Mysteries Revealed: Strength to
receive Seed: promised son

62-0318 - The Spoken Word Is The
Original Seed

213 Oh, people, God bless you! Hear me! I can't believe nothing but God's Word. I want It to be my life, everything that I am. I want you to do the same.

Let your walks, your talks, your moves, everything you do, be in the Word of God. Let the mind of Christ come into you, and—and that'll pregnate you with the Word. If you don't, if you let the mind of the denomination come in, you'll be denominational pregnated.

If you let the mind of Christ come into you, He can't deny His Own Word, 'cause He's God. You be pregnated with the Word, and believe It. I don't care if they put you out, kick you out, run you out, and every door is closed, you'll go just the same. Amen. Whew! I got to hurry now. Ah!

214 Christ is now taking Himself a
Bride, to be pregnated with His Own
Seed-Word in Her womb, spirit-womb
in—in Her mind, and won't mix with any
the denominational trash with it. She is
a virgin to Him.

62-0318 - The Spoken Word Is The Original Seed

245 I believe that it is near the harvest time. The seeds have been planted, denominational seed of the churches, such as the Evangelicals, like Baptist, and Presbyterian, and Lutheran.

And the Pentecostal seeds has been planted into the Pentecostal organization, by great men like Oral Roberts, Tommy Hicks, and Tommy Osborn, great men of God. See? And I believe that the Word of God has been planted, unadulterated, away from any of those organization.

That's what's the matter. See? The Seed must have...

The Seed plant must have Seed Water before It can grow. It must have Water, to fall, before the Seed that's been planted can grow.

246 Now, “Well,” you say, “Brother Branham, there’s been our...” I know. That’s right. Catching your thought now, you see. You just can’t hide it now. Uh-huh. All right. So, be careful what you’re thinking.

Now, the Seed must be planted. And then It must have Water, in order to grow.

247 Now, you say, “Well, Brother Branham...” I’m going to express your thought, thought there. “We’ve had the Water.” So be it. That’s correct. You have had the Water.

7. The True Word Of
God Is A Seed And Must
Bring Forth His Own
Life when its
QUICKENED

62-0318 - The Spoken Word Is The Original Seed

147 You hybreeed It, and you ain't got nothing but a denominational, bastard child. That's all. Anything deny the Word. Excuse me, sisters. I—I want you...I've just got to say just the way It says it *Here*. See? And that's—that's the way It is.

63-0321 - The Fourth Seal

67 The Word Itself is Spirit. It is Spirit in
Word form. And then, you see, when It
is quickened, or brought to life, the
Spirit of the Word goes to work and
acts. See? Because that...

65-0221M - Marriage And Divorce

256 Notice, He can put her away, but she cannot put Him away. He did it, has proved it, in the days when Luther, Wesley, and Pentecost, when they refused to become the further part of Him by having spiritual sexual affair to become pregnated with further part of the Word.

You understand? She refused. The Lutheran church refused for Christ to have any more desire with her; Luther refused it. And let me say this, going to call me something anyhow; so is it today with every one of them, they fail to take that Word, they refuse Christ!

257 And any woman that refuses a man his child, has no right to be a wife to him. Amen. You remember, in the Bible, when the king married Esther? Because the queen refused, he just got him another one.

And when the...What happened when she refused to come out with the king and obey him? The same thing it is with a woman that refuses to be wife to her husband.

258 And so is it with the church that refuses to become pregnated in the age that we now live in, to bring forth children of this age. We are not Lutherans, we're not Wesleys, neither are we Pentecostals!

We've got to be the children of this age, through the pregnancy of the Word of God, to bring forth a Child of this age, the Seed Child. Amen. I hope you understand. Couldn't be pregnated, no, so what did He do? Put her away, in divorcement. That's right. But she daresn't put Him away. He put her away.

259 He went right on revealing His Word to the Body, and vindicating Him, same, by Himself. His children begin to kind of look more like Him, because It's fully maturing, or, they become children of the Word, not children of the church. Children of the Word!

And the Bride will be a lovely little Lady of the Word, unadulterated, not touched by any man's organization, any man-made theory. She'll be purely unadulterated, Bride of the Word! Amen and amen! I hope you get that, out on the air. She will be the pregnated daughter of God.

260 See what a great honor a woman can be? See what a great thing the church can be, but you see where filth has got her to? Then trying to compare that church out there with the Church here, you can't do it.

And try to compare the street harlot with the Church of the living God; or the woman, the correct woman, with a harlot?

65-0221E - Who Is This Melchisedec?

73 And then when you become subject to that Spirit, it throws your whole being subject to that Spirit. And that Spirit is nothing in the world but this Seed Word made manifest, or quickened, hallelujah, made alive.

And when the Bible said, “Don’t do *this*,” that body quickly turns to it. There is no question. And what is it? It’s the earnest of the resurrection. This body will be raised up again, because it’s already started.

It was once subject to sin, and mire and corruption, but now it's got the earnest; it's turned Heavenly. Now, that's the earnest that you're going in the Rapture. It's the earnest.