

# The Lord Himself Shall Descend- The Lord Has Descended

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## 1 Thessalonians 4:13

<sup>13</sup> But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

## Matthew 24:35

<sup>35</sup> Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

# The Certainty Of The Promise Of His Coming

1. The Descending  
Of The Lord Is Both  
Prophetic And  
Fulfilled Scripture

## Daniel 2:45

<sup>45</sup> Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

64-0830M - Questions And Answers #3

362. Please explain the mystery  
of the translation of the Bride.

242 Just a change, see, our  
bodies. Now, let's say our. You  
know what I mean when I say  
that?

I don't mean to be sacrilegious. I don't mean to say ours; I don't mean to say this church; I mean to say every believer.



243 Abraham, he was looking for a promised son, that was promised him. Is that right? And the Church is looking for a promised Son. The Bride (is that right?), the Bride is looking for the promised Son.

244 Before the promised son could come to Sarah and Abraham, their bodies had to be changed. Is that right?

245 She was too old to have a baby. She had no milk veins in her breast; her breast was dried up. Her womb wasn't fertile; she was sterile.

She could not have the baby; her heart was too old to stand labor. So what happened? God changed her back to a young woman.

And He did Abraham the same thing, 'cause He said his body was as good as dead. See? And He had to change their body in order to receive the promised son.

246 And we cannot receive the promised Son that's promised us today in these bodies that we live in; these bodies are sin.

247 This first conscience controls this body with see, taste, feel, smell, and hear, and has just got us all scrupled up; we reason and everything else.

But that new body, that comes<sup>16</sup>  
from this borned again (not this  
first conscience, it'll pass  
away)...It's that inside  
something that lives. Everybody  
understand it say, "Amen!"  
[Congregation replies,  
"Amen!"—Ed.]



248 It's not this outside see, taste, feel, smell, and hear. It isn't. It's subject to death and will die, but the inside part of you, down in here, inside, that is the, person that cannot die. See?

And that's the person that the new life starts from, from this new birth; and it builds another person in the image of this person you are, around that life. You get it?

249 So potentially it's in here, and what is it? The Word promised before the foundation of the world. And around there, this only reflects the negative; that will reflect the positive, the Word. See?

And the same thing is...Or, the translation of the Bride will be the same thing. The Word that's in you, the body will materialize around that Word, and the same thing did by Sarah.

250 Before...When that old body that she had, that first body, it had to be changed in order to produce a son. You get it?

That body could not do it. This body cannot do it, so it'll have to be changed the same way to receive the Son.

# 60-0303 - Former And Latter

## Rain

18 That's the same thing that  
took place here. The—the tower  
man had warned the people all  
day long; he says, "I see the  
dust." "Why" they said, "nothing,  
I don't see no dust."

“Why, I know there’s  
approaching army.” And they  
went right on just the same.  
That’s the way they’re doing,  
the same thing today.  
Any man could read a  
newspaper,



if he's got any spiritual discernment about him at all, can see that we're at the end. The hour is here; there's nothing left for us but the coming of the Lord Jesus. Some people go out and say,

“Oh, that might be a thousand  
years from today.” I don’t  
believe that. I believe this  
generation will see the coming  
of the Lord Jesus. If this  
generation doesn’t do it,

I want to preach to the young  
people that they'll be looking  
for it in their generation. I  
believe it'll be in this  
generation, 'cause the fig tree's  
putting forth its buds yonder,

and Jesus said, “That generation  
will not pass till all things be  
fulfilled.” Israel’s restored,  
herself; she’s a nation. All the  
signs and wonders that was to  
take place in the last days, it’s  
here.

We must cry out from the tower, from the high place that God places you in, and warn the people. But they—seem like they just go dumbly right on, as they did in that time.

## 54-0401 - God's Preparation

24 And so God prepares and sends voices of warning. And He's always made a preparation. Just before He sent Elijah up on the Mount Carmel,

there to prove that He was God and—and the nation had gone wrong, well, He sent Elijah out to give a warning and to make preparation for these things.

And He always does that: God provides a way every time for the people. And then if the people reject His mercy, there's only one thing left to do and that is for His judgment.



28.....And he looked over there  
and there stood Gabriel, the  
Archangel. And he told him not  
to fear, that after days of his  
ministration there at the  
building,

at the—Shiloh, that he was going up—or the temple—and he was going up and—to be with his wife; and she was going to conceive and bear a son.

Well, that man, with all the background of the Bible, yet just because he'd been associated with the ritualistic form of the church, he said, "How could these things be? Well, she's old and I am old. How could these be?"

He said, “I’m Gabriel, that stands in the Presence of God.”

He said, “Because you doubted My Word, they’ll be fulfilled in their season, but you’ll be dumb till the day the baby’s born.”

29 Say, you better believe God.  
That's right. When God speaks  
anything, it's going to happen  
anyhow. No matter if all the  
whole rest of the church world  
downs it, God's going to bring  
it to pass anyhow.

When He said He's going to,  
He's going to do it. That's the  
reason today, that we know  
that the things that Jesus said  
that He did, would be repeated  
again before He come.

And it's got to be. His ministry,  
His life, His power, just as He  
was here on earth then, so is  
He now.

It's got to be, because Jesus  
said so. And Jesus said, "The  
things that I do, shall you also;  
even more than this, for I go to  
My Father." Is that right? So  
there's nothing unscriptural.



64-0802 - The Future Home Of  
The Heavenly Bridegroom And  
The Earthly Bride

175 Heavens and earth will pass away, now, this word means, “passing from one form to another.”

It does not mean “annihilation,” as the English word would mean, pass away, it’s annihilated. But the Hebrew word, or the Greek word here, does not mean pass away;

it means, “from passing from one thing to another.” Look, but, “to pass from one condition,” it says, “to another.”

176 Now notice, Paul used it, if you want to read it now. Put it down, you can read it later. In Titus 3:5, Paul is using this same word, means regeneration of man, that man has passed from a sinner to a saint, not completely annihilated.

When a man is changed, he isn't annihilated, but he's a changed person. He has been changed from what he was to what he is, not annihilated.

177 Jesus used the same word in Matthew 19:28; now, not 28:19. Now, 19:28, He said to them, “You’ll set with Me in My Father’s Kingdom, regenerated,” you see, “changed,” when you’re changed. He used the same word.

178 And He used the same word  
when He said, to the colt, said,  
“Loose the colt and let him go.”

179 Said the same thing at the resurrection of Lazarus, “Loose him! Change him! He’s been tied; let him go!”



180 What does it mean? The earth will be loosed from the grip of Satan. It'll be loosed. It'll be loosed from politics, it'll be loosed from denominational religious systems; to be used for the Kingdom of God, to be establish it here on the earth.

But as long it's in the hands of Satan, politics...Satan the ruler of the earth, he owns it; it belonged to him, but now Christ has redeemed it.

181 One time, I was his property, but not now. One time, that little woman was his property, but not now.

See, He come to loose the grip of it. He loosed the grip of sin, of Satan, upon my life, upon your life, and now we're not his.

182 Have you often heard me say, in prayer, “take your hands off of God’s property”? See? Amen! Have faith to claim your own. That’s your rights. “Take your hands off of her!”

Take your hands off of him!”  
See, faith will do it. Oh, my! Not annihilate it, but, just, “Take your hands off of it,” to loose it, let it go, pass it away. It changes.

183 The earth will change.  
Politics will change. The  
religions will change. The  
denominations will pass away.  
Politics will pass away. The  
Kingdom of God shall be  
established.

184 We read in John, read John in Revelation 6:14, see, “it departed as a scroll.” The Bible said the...that it...John said, “I saw the heaven and earth depart as a scroll.” John, Revelation 6:14.



185 Jesus said, “Heavens and earth shall pass away,” or, other words, “heavens and earth shall be changed.” See, used that same word right there again.

186 No, not annihilated. For, later, in Revelation 21:2 to 24, he seen the New Jerusalem coming down from God out of Heaven, and sitting upon this earth. It doesn't mean it'll be annihilated. The systems will be changed.

187 Daniel saw the same thing. A <sup>59</sup>  
Rock struck the world, was  
hewed out without hands; and  
the whole image of the systems  
was broke down and become like  
chaff on a summer  
threshingfloor, and the wind  
packed it away.

And the Rock, Itself, grew into a great Mountain that covered the earth. Watch that Mountain now, in a little bit. That Mountain covered the earth.

2. Scoffers Will Be On  
The Land To Reproach  
And Impersonate The  
Truth

## 2 Peter 3:4-18

<sup>4</sup> And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

<sup>5</sup> For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

<sup>6</sup> Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:



<sup>7</sup> But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

<sup>8</sup> But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

<sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

<sup>11</sup> Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

<sup>12</sup> Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

<sup>13</sup> Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

<sup>14</sup> Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.



<sup>15</sup> And account that the  
longsuffering of our Lord is  
salvation; even as our beloved  
brother Paul also according to  
the wisdom given unto him hath  
written unto you;

<sup>16</sup> As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

<sup>17</sup> Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

<sup>18</sup> But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

## 65-1204 — The Rapture

143 And the denominational system is dead. It's gone. It'll never rise again. It'll be burned. That's what you do with the husk on the field.

Flee from it. Get into Christ.  
Don't say, "I belong to  
Methodist. I belong to Baptist. I  
belong to Pentecostal." You get  
into Christ.

If you're in Christ, there's not a Word written in Here but what you believe it. I don't care what anybody else said. And then God makes that thing manifested.

Cause, you, when He pours the Spirit upon the Word, what happens? Just like putting water on any other seed. It'll live, and It'll bring forth of Its kind.



144 You say, “I got the baptism, the Holy Ghost.” That don’t mean that you’re saved, not by a long ways.

145 Looky here. You are a triune being. You are. Inside this little fellow here is the soul, the next is the spirit, and next is the body. Now, you got five senses in this body, to contact your earthly home.

They don't contact the rest of it. You got five senses of the spirit, here: love and conscience, and so forth, of that. But in here is where you live. That's what you are.

146 Didn't Jesus say, "The rain<sup>84</sup> falls on the just and the unjust"? Put a cocklebur out here, and a wheat out there, and pour water on them, and keep them under fertilize and things like that, won't they both live by the same water?

Sure. Well, what is it? One of them will bear a cocklebur, 'cause that's all he is. The cocklebur will raise his hands and shout just the same as the wheat.

147 Don't the Bible say, "In the last days, there shall come false Christs"? Not "false Jesus," now. "False Christs," anointed ones, falsely anointed to the Word; denominational anointed, but not to the Word.

For, the Word will bear record of  
Itself. It don't need nothing else.  
It'll bear record to Itself.  
“And there will come false  
anoointed ones.”

You got my tape on that. And that anoi-...

Oh, if you'd call one of them, say, "Oh, you, are you a Jesus?"

"Oh, certainly not." They wouldn't stand for that.



148 But when it comes to an  
“Oh, glory! I got the anointing!”  
And it’s the genuine anointing.  
Remember, Caiaphas had It, too,  
and prophesied. So did Balaam  
have It, and prophesied.

But that don't have nothing to do with this, inside. Unless that was God's seed, His gene from the beginning, predestinated, you're finished.

I don't care how much you shout, speak with tongues, run, shout. That has nothing to do with it.

A cocklebur can count just as much as any the rest of them.

I've seen heathens raise, and shout, and speak in tongues, and—and drink blood out of a human skull, and call on the devil. See? So you don't...Any of them sensations and things, forget it.

It's your heart in that Word, and that's Christ. Bring in there, and watch It make Itself known, just as It opens up like any other seed, and declares Itself for the age It's living in.

149 Luther could bring nothing but sprig. These others could bring these other things. We're in the wheat age now.

Luther's genuine Luthers had to  
bring forth genuine Luther.  
Genuine pentecost had to bring  
genuine pentecost. That's all.  
But we're past that age, and  
going on.

# 3. God Who Swore To Abraham, Has Sworn To The Promise For Abraham's Seed



## Hebrews 6:9-20

<sup>9</sup> But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.

<sup>10</sup> For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

<sup>11</sup> And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:

<sup>12</sup> That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

<sup>13</sup> For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself,

<sup>14</sup> Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.

<sup>15</sup> And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

<sup>16</sup> For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife.



<sup>17</sup> Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:

<sup>18</sup> That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

<sup>19</sup> Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

<sup>20</sup> Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

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.

215 Oh, I remember sitting there in a room, three days in there, praying and waiting on the Lord, and fasting. When that struck me, I thought, “O God, what is it? Here I am, in a picture. Here I am.

If I bring up this much to the church, where will I be? I'll be have them on a limb. What can I do? I've done seen the church as every type and shadow, and everything else, shows she's gone. What will You do?"

216 Then I thought of that Word, “I will restore, saith the Lord. I will restore.” Remember the old pine tree, when the fire hits her and burns her down; she shakes off a seed, though.

That seed brings forth a new one. That's right. The old trees are burnt up with organization and everything else, but there still remains a Seed of Word.

And it...the Wo...God's Word,  
It'll just come right back,  
reproduce Itself, just as sure as  
the world. Yes. Now, now, she  
won't miss it. Notice. But  
Christ...

217 We believe we're in the end time. Do we? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] Do you believe that before you have a crop, now, you have to plant a seed? ["Amen."]



You see why I've let churches turn me out, tell me everything, call me all kinds of names, everything else, and just stay right with that Word? ["Amen."] See? There's a plant, Seed been planted.

It's already been planted, friend.  
It's already done. I can say it  
now. It's over. Right. She's done  
been planted. Oh, yeah. So is  
denominational seed, all the rest  
of them.

4. “But In The Days Of  
The VOICE” Is  
Buttressed/Guaranteed  
By God’s Own Vow- It  
Will NOT FAIL

63-0728 - Christ Is The  
Mystery Of God Revealed

433 Watch, redeemed by Christ,  
the second Adam. You believe  
He was? [Congregation says,  
“Amen.”—Ed.]

Going back Home, to Eden, with  
His fallen wife redeemed back  
Home again.

That's Christ in the Church today,  
taking His Wife back. See the  
threefold mystery now? ["Amen."]  
God manifested in Christ;

Christ manifested in the Church;  
all together, to bring back the  
original Adam and Eve again,  
man and woman, which are one,  
made out of the same Blood  
and same Spirit, and everything  
else.

434 The Church is the Blood of Christ, by the Spirit, because the—the Life is in the Blood.

That's the baptism of the Holy Ghost that baptizes us into His Body, that recognizes only His Body, His flesh, His Word.  
[Brother Branham pats his Bible—Ed.]



435 Denomination won't, never touch that. It's a revelation. She knows it. So did Eve know it, but she fell; but this one knows it, and won't fall.

She is ordained! Hallelujah!  
Whew! She is ordained to not  
fall. She won't fail. She is  
predestinated to it. "Blessed is  
the man who God will not  
impute sin."

You ministers know what I'm speaking of, when there's a couple dozen of you sitting here. See? "Blessed is the man who God will not impute sin," David.

436 Notice, redeeming back,  
with Him, going Home; back to  
Eternal Life in a human body,  
eating, drinking, living forever.

# 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...

252 ...and godliness is restored  
to man.

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

254 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.



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

256 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, and 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!

## 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!"

5. He's Working On  
You Like He Did On  
Abraham And Sarah-  
Preparing To Receive  
The Son Of Promise

## 61-0226 - Jehovah-Jireh

57 Now, I want to go over to Genesis the 18th chapter and show what He done. “I am the breasted One.” The 18th chapter, the next chapter, remember he was setting out before his tent door.

He was a hundred years old then. Sarah was ninety.

Now, while he was setting out in the heat of the day about eleven o'clock, or twelve, things was going bad.



He'd taken the way with the Lord's despised few. They probably didn't even have a mission, let alone a air-cooled church.

But they were setting out under the tree, not because he had to, but because he wanted to. He was Abraham. He was God's child. He was...separated himself from the things of the world, and he was living for God.

Don't forget that, David. Notice. You might not understand that, but that who I spoke to understood it. Setting out under the tree...

58 And they seen three Men coming up with dust on Their clothes. And notice what They did. We spoke on it the other night. They were three Angels; two Angels and God Himself.

And They were on the road to Sodom, to the church, the denominational church down there at...down in chaos, lukewarm, backslidden, supposed to be, went off in the things of the world.

They went down there with the world so they was going to perish with the world.

That's the way the church will do today.

The world that's in the church will perish with the world. They that live in sin will perish with sin. They that live to God shall rise with God. [Blank spot on tape—Ed.]

Now, these Angels setting there...Now, He said, “Abraham, I’m going to get you ready for something.” Now, He sent the other two Men away,



and they went down in Sodom to preach the Word, just like a modern preacher would do.

And...But this One that stayed behind, I want you to watch His actions.

He said to Abraham; He said,  
“Abraham, where is your wife,  
Sarah?  
Said, “She’s in the tent behind  
You.”

59 And said, “I’m going to visit you according to the time of life. I’m going to visit you and give you that child now.”

Now, why did He call Himself, “I was the One made you the promise. I’m the One.” How could you doubt it being God? “I made you the promise. I’m going to do the visiting.

I'm going to be the One that gives the child, I (Pronoun, personal pronoun), I. I was the One that said it. Now, I'm going to visit you according to the time of life."

And that's what made Sarah laugh. She said, "Me a hundred years old, and my lord old? How could it be?" Now, notice. I want to tell you what He done to them.

Oh, how He got them ready for it. He made a real preparation. So notice. Sarah laughed. And the Angel with His back turned to the tent, said, “Why did Sarah laugh?”

And Sarah come out and said she did not laugh. And the Angel told her what she said, what she never said but what she thought in her mind.



What was He doing? He was making Abraham ready to believe—to believe on Him for to receive his promised son.

60 What has God did? He called you into Pentecost by His grace. He confirmed the covenant to you by giving you the circumcision unconditionally. And now, what's He doing? He's showing Himself, the same God in you (Do you see it?),

the same One by knowing the thoughts of your heart, getting you ready for His promised Son coming, Christ our Saviour. He's getting you ready for the promised Son.

He was getting Abraham ready for the promised son. Now, He is getting Abraham's seed ready for the promised Son that we're waiting on. Oh, won't it be glorious to see Him?

61 What did He do? You remember, it was immediately after that, right immediately after that visitation that the son arrived.

Sodom was burned. Is that right, Bible readers? That's right. The son arrived that Abraham had waited on the promise.

The church now, Abraham's seed, has waiting for the Coming of the Son of God. And now, what's He done?

He has brought you through every one of those elements just like He did Abraham with a confirmation of the covenant, give you the Holy Ghost, speaking in tongues as the Spirit give utterance, all these different things like He promised,



and now brought you right up  
and sent His Spirit among you,  
giving you Divine discernment,  
just before, to prepare you for  
the coming Son. Amen. It's the  
last sign the church will receive.

# 61-0423 - Abraham And His Seed After Him

80 Well, the church has come  
through justification,  
sanctification, baptism of the  
Holy Ghost, gifts manifested to  
It. And now what?

The Spirit of God moving in the church, doing the same works that Jesus did before He left as a promise. And what's the next thing? The change.

The next thing happened to  
Abraham was a changed body.  
He had to have it or he'd never  
got the son. And the next thing  
happens to the church is the  
rapture.

We'll have to be changed and  
caught up in the air to meet  
Him. We can't meet Him on  
earth; we've got to go in the air  
to meet Him.

It's the coming Son, the promised Son. Amen. We've looked for Him now for hundreds of years. He will come someday. But the next thing for the church is to be changed.

We've had every sign:  
justification, sanctification,  
baptism of the Holy Spirit,  
placing of a son, manifestation  
of the Spirit. Now, what? The  
changing of the body for the  
rapture.

81 Oh, my. How the church  
ought to be waving its hands in  
glory, thanking God, thanking  
God, any minute the change  
could come.



For the Bible said it'd be  
universal. Jesus said, "There will  
be two in the mill, grinding, I'll  
take one and leave one;

two in the field, I'll take one and  
leave one; two in the bed,"  
showed it'd be on both sides of  
the earth, while it's night on one  
side, be day on the other, "I'll  
take one and leave one."

The rapture will be universal,  
and their bodies will be  
changed. Our bodies will have  
to be changed. We just can't  
turn back to young men and  
women;

we've got to have a different  
kind of a body, so you can be  
caught in the air to receive the  
promised Son. That's what the  
church is waiting for now: the  
true church.

Every manifestation, what He  
did to Abraham, He has done to  
His seed after Him, leaving one  
thing out, that's the rapture of  
the church.

82 “And when you see these things begin to come to pass,” Jesus said, “raise up your head.” Look up! Your redemption’s drawing nigh. When Jesus referred to it, He said,

“As it was in Sodom...” When  
you see a modern Billy Graham  
go down into Sodom, when you  
see the signs begin to appear  
before the elected Church,

and the rest of it fighting  
against It, watch, the time of  
the rapture is at hand. The fig  
tree putting forth its buds over  
yonder...



That generation will not pass away till all be fulfilled. And she's way into that generation, since the Jews have been returning to their homeland. We're at the end time. ....

**6. As We Wait We'll  
Plant Potatoes And  
Build A Church**

# 62-1104m - Blasphemous Names

172 I believe there is a Bride  
that's predestinated. I believe  
God said He would have "a  
Church without spot or  
wrinkle."

I believe in predestination, that  
the Bride is predestinated. She's  
got to be There. I hope I'm with  
Her.

That, see, I'm with Her. Now it's  
up to me to work out my own  
salvation with God, until these  
things are approved of God, and  
then sealed into the Kingdom of  
God.

There is the Holy Spirit. There is  
the genuine works of God. “It’s  
sealed until the Day of  
redemption.” That was her  
dream. I thought it was  
beautiful.

173 Now, therefore, when She  
does that, when that Church  
comes to this place, or the  
individual, the Church is going  
to be There.

Let me say it real good so you  
get it. The Church is  
predestinated to be There. I  
want to be with It, but the only  
way I'll be with It, is to be part  
of It.



How do I become part of It? By  
being in It. How do I get in It? By  
a baptism, by one Spirit. First  
Corinthians 12, “By one Spirit  
we are all baptized into one  
Body.” One Body; baptized into  
It.

174 But you can't stick these  
little things, say, "I spoke with  
tongues. I got it." You go out  
here, and angry, and swear, and  
carry on. See?

That's putting peacock feathers  
in a—in a jay bird. See? You can't  
do it. Your own life proves that  
it's not.

175 But when these things are  
operating in you, by God, then  
you're sealed. Then there's no  
put-on about it. You're just  
yourself.

That's when visions, perfect,  
Holy Spirit, works of God,  
everything, is made manifest,  
because (why?) you and Christ  
become one. I hope that's  
understood. You and Christ  
become one.

## 60-0515M - The Rejected King

168 Oh, my precious friends, my beloved, my darlings of the Gospel, my begotten children unto God, listen to me, your pastor. You, I wish there was some way I could explain it to you.

There's no words; I couldn't find it; it's not found anywhere. But just beyond this last breath, is the most glorious thing that you ever...There is no way to explain it. There's no way.

I just can't do it. But whatever you do, friend, lay aside everything else till you get perfect Love. Get to a spot that you can love everybody, every enemy, everything else.



169 That one visit There, to me, has made me a different man. I can never, never, never be the same Brother Branham that I was.

Whether the planes are rocking,  
whether the lightning is  
flashing, whether the spy has a  
gun on me, whatever it is, it  
doesn't matter.

I'm going to press the battle, by the grace of God. For, I've preached the Gospel to every creature and every person that I can, persuading them to that beautiful Land yonder.

170 It may seem hard. It may take a lot of strength. I don't know how much longer. We don't know, physically speaking. The...From my examination the other day, he said, "You've got twenty-five years of hard, good life."

You're solid." That helped me.  
But, oh, that wasn't it. That isn't  
it. It's something within here.  
This corruption has got to put  
on incorruption. This mortal has  
got to put on immortality.

## 63-0324E — The Seventh Seal

82 Now, I have many fine  
Jehovah Witness friends sitting  
here, that's all...or have been.  
Maybe some of them is still  
Jehovah Witness.

But they've always applied, Mr. Russell did, this hundred and forty-four thousand, to being the supernatural Bride of Christ. See? They...It's not.

83 It has nothing to do in the church age, at all. They're absolutely Israel. Now, we're going to read in a few minutes. Now, this interval, between the Sixth...the Seals,



is a calling and sealing of the hundred and forty-four thousand Jews, called in the Tribulation period, after the Church is gone. See? It has nothing to do with the church age, at all.

Oh, is called, and perfectly in harmony with the Scripture. Daniel's last three and a half weeks, allotted to Daniel's "people," see, not the Gentiles. To Daniel's "people," and Daniel was a Jew!

84 Now notice, Israel, Israel believes only her prophets, and, after they are vindicated.

85 And nowhere through the church age, since in the early apostolic Church, has the Protestant church ever had a prophet.

Tell me who it was, and show it to me. Never! They had, in the early apostolic age, one called Agabus, which was a vindicated prophet.

But in...When the Gentiles came in, into inheritance of God, and Paul turned to the Gentiles. After Peter, as we read last night,

had received from the Lord, that, “He was taking a—a people from the Gentiles, for His Name, His Bride,” then they never has been, on the pages of history, a Gentile prophet.

Now you just go back through the history and find out. Why? Exactly, it would be contrary to the Word. Exactly.



86 When the first went forth,  
was a lion, that was prophets:  
Word.

The next went forth, was the  
work, sacrifice.

The next come forth, was the  
cunningness of—of man.

87 But we are promised, in the last day, that to return to the Church again, for the benefit of straightening up all that has been misled, missed, undone, left undone.

For, it's predicted here that the seventh angel's Message would finish the mysteries of God. And, then, we've went through It all. We see that It's perfectly in harmony with the Scripture. That's the reason.