The Stone Which Grew Into a Great Mountain

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Daniel 2:24-34

²⁴ Therefore Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise men of Babylon: he went and said thus unto him; Destroy not the wise men of Babylon: bring me in before the king, and I will shew unto the king the interpretation. ²⁵ Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, I have found a man of the captives of Judah, that will make known unto the king the interpretation.

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²⁶ The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and the interpretation thereof?

²⁷ Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king;

²⁸ But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these;

²⁹ As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came into thy mind upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter: and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass.

³⁰ But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but for their sakes that shall make known the interpretation to the king, and that thou mightest know the thoughts of thy heart.

³¹Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible.

³² This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,

³³ His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.

³⁴ Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

Zechariah 4:7

⁷Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.

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1. We Are In The Time Of The End-Feet Of Iron And **Clay- And The** Establishment Of God's Eternal Kingdom

<u>61-0806 - The Seventieth</u> <u>Week Of Daniel</u>

125 Now notice in here, at the end of this age. Now, Daniel, in the 2nd chapter, and the 34th and 35th verse—verse, he watched this image with great consideration. And he watched it until a Stone was cut out of the mountain, without hands,

and It rolled down and smote the image in the feet, and broke that. Now, It never hit it on the head, now. Hit it in the feet; that was the end time, them ten toes.

126 Did you notice, exactly here, just before Mr. Eisenhower went out, the last Protestant of the...of America, in the-in the President, which I doubt there'll ever be another one.

But-but when...just to show that, just the people would wake up. When he met, there were...The last meeting that (they) he met with Russia,

there were five Eastern <u>communistic countries</u> represented, five Western countries. Mr. Khrushchev was the head of the Eastern countries.

Mr. Eisenhower was the head of the Western countries. And <u>Khrushchev, as I understand and</u> been told, that in Russia language, Khrushchev means "clay."

And Eisenhower means "iron," in English. There is your iron and clay, will not mix. And he pulled off his shoe and beat the stand with it, and everything else. It won't mix.

127 But it was in the days of these empires that the Rock, Stone that was hewed out of the mountain, without hands, smote the image in the feet.

Now, "Cut out of a mountain." Must have been a mountain of stone. It was cut out of the mountain of stone. Now, did

<u>you notice?</u>

64-0719M - The Feast Of The **Trumpets** 197 Just like the right and left foot of the image that Daniel saw, how they wouldn't agree and mix with one another.

And the word Eisenhower, during that time...Eisenhower means "iron." Khrushchev means "clay." And he pulled off his shoe and beat it [Brother Branham knocks on the pulpit—Ed.]

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on the desk at the...when the League of Nations, or the U...at the UN. Khrushchev did, dusting off the...Oh, my! The hour that we're living! The church and its condition!

198 But, thank God, the little Bride has made Herself ready. It ain't long. Just hold on. It won't be long. I don't know how long, don't know when; nobody knows that. But we know it's close now, real.

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<u>63-1229E - Look Away To Jesus</u> 224 Daniel, one time, was standing when he saw the-the ending of the Gentile kingdoms. He saw the image that Nebuchadnezzar had dreamed.

He saw how each one would succeed the other, as they come down. And when he looked to see what was all going to happen at the end,

when he saw Jesus, He was "a Stone hewed out of the mountain, without hands," that crushed the Gentile kingdoms.

<u>61-0730M - Gabriel's</u> <u>Instructions To Daniel</u> 87 <u>Now, back to the lesson.</u> Daniel had been reading.

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

<u>same sentences,</u>

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

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

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

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

<u>a minute.</u>

We're coming near the end time, for l've already been down here sixty-eight years. And the prophet of the Lord," amen, "my brother,

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

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

89 <u>O God, if there ever was a</u> <u>time that we ought to be</u> <u>setting ourself in order, to pray,</u> <u>it's now.</u>

For, we as His true servant, we see, by the Letters of the apostle, by the warnings of the Holy Spirit, that we're in the last day. The Holy Spirit speaks, "That in the last days, men will be heady,

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highminded, lovers of pleasure more than of God, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, and despisers of those that are good." I <u>understand by Letter.</u>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<u>place.</u>

91 <u>I understand that in the last</u> days there will come a famine. The churches will be so organized, and so set and everything, that in the last days there will come a famine, and it will not be for bread and water <u>only,</u>

but for hearing the true Word of God. And people will go from the east, from the west, from the north, and the south, seeking to hear the true Word of God.

But the churches will be so organized and tightened up, that they'll fail to hear It. I understand that by Books. But, in that day, O God, there will be a Branch rise up from David.

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

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

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

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

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

<u>them.</u>

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

2. The Word Of This Hour Like In Other **Dispensations** Is Fulfilled In Simplicity

<u>63-0317M - God Hiding</u> Himself In Simplicity, Then **Revealing Himself In The Same** 112 Now, from this text, or, to call it, or from this Scripture reading, I draw this text:

God Hiding Himself In Simplicity, Then Revealing Himself In The Same. Now, for the tapes I keep repeating so, for the tapes,

you see, 'cause they're—they're taping It. See? God Hiding Himself In Simplicity, Then Revealing Himself In The Same. 113 It is strange to think how that God does such a thing as that. God will hide Himself in something so simple that'll cause the wise to miss it a million miles;

and then turn right back around, in that, some simple thing in the simplicity of His way of working, and reveal Hisself right out again. I thought it made a-a text,

that we might study this before we go into the—the—the great Teachings of the Seven Seals. Many miss Him by the way He reveals Himself.

114 Now, men has their own ideas of what God ought to be and what God is going to do. And as I have made the old statement many times, that, man still remains man.

Man is always giving God praise for what He did do, and always looking forward to what He will do, and ignoring what He is doing. See? See? That's the way they miss it.

They look back and see what a great thing He done, but they fail to see what a simple thing He used, to do it with. See? And then they look forward and see a great thing coming,

that's going to happen, and, nine times out of ten, it's already happening right around them. And it's so simple that they don't know it. See?

<u>63-1214 - Why Little</u> <u>Bethlehem</u>

21 Was thinking of just before the birth of our Lord, when all the prophets, and so forth,

had spoke of the forerunner coming, "how every mountain would be brought low and the low places brought high, and the mountains would skip like little rams, and the leaves would clap their hands." And it was a—a minister, a prophet by the name of John, came forth out of the wilderness, not from even a theological school, whiskers all over his face, and a piece of sheepskin,

not in a clergy clothes, come out and announce, "The Kingdom of God is at hand!" And the people could hardly understand such an outfit as that coming,

with no identification of any—any system, anything that he belonged to, any fellowship card, or any denominational that he was backing him up.

The-the Message was too great, he couldn't take man, God schooled him out in the wilderness. His Message was not on some kind of a—a theological terms.

He spoke of serpents and axes and trees, and that's what he was used to, nature, watching it, how it worked. And that was the—the way he approached. Not as a clergyman, but as—as a man of nature.

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22 And the people could hardly understand him. Didn't even have a pulpit, and probably wasn't welcome in any, but he preached on the banks of the Jordan, probably standing in mud up half to his knees.

But the people come out to hear it, those who were honest in heart. They wanted to hear because it was something different, it had a ring of Truth to it.

23 Today we ought to be at just at the approaching of the birth of Christ; our Message, it ought to have a ring of Truth to it that would make people thirst to find Him.

24 God took that simple man, without education, not one day in school, and yet said he was the greatest among all the prophets that ever lived, because God identifies Himself in unidentified things.

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3. The Stone cut without hands **Represents** The Climax **Of The Revelation Of** The Mystery Of Christ To His Bride

63-1229E - Look Away To Jesus 224 Daniel, one time, was standing when he saw the-the ending of the Gentile kingdoms. He saw the image that Nebuchadnezzar had dreamed.

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when he saw Jesus, He was "a Stone hewed out of the mountain, without hands," that crushed the Gentile kingdoms.

61-0806 - The Seventieth Week Of Daniel 137 Christ, the Headstone, the rejected Stone, the all-seeing Eye, coming exactly like the Bible said.

88 And Daniel said he watched this Gentile age until a Stone come out of the mountain, that

- wasn't cut with hands. They
- have never put a capstone on
- that pyramid. It wasn't cut by man's hands.

It's God's hand that cut the Stone. You see it? ["Amen."] And what did It do? It hit the image right smack in the feet, and broke it to pieces, ground it into powder. Hallelujah!

What happened at that time, the coming of that Stone? Up went the Church into Glory, at the Rapture, 'cause it ended the Gentile dispensation. God ended it up, the coming of that Stone.

91 <u>63-1229M - There Is A Man</u> Here That Can Turn On The Light 141....And we got in the car, and started, and we started up the mountain. And when we did, it was looked like the light was coming in the skies,

but dark upon the earth. He said I pulled off the side of the road, and held my hands over like this, fire still flying from the eyes. And he said I said,

"Lord, I have did this at Your command. I have did this just because that You told me to do it this way. I have did these things according to what You've told me."

And I motioned to a big granite mountain; and a-a Light, without hands, cut a Stone out of the mountain, weighing hundreds of tons, and here It come.

I said, "Turn your heads; don't look. It'll all be over just in a few minutes." Said, then a great holy hush come everywhere, as this Stone come towards the place.

142 It may be later than we think. There, see, that's exactly Scriptural, you see, "the Stone, without hands, cut out of mountain."

And so one of these days it's going to be that way, when you're going to scream for something. I said to them, "You've already had that time. God has constantly warned you, time after time.

Yeah." I said, "Even if it's my own kid, or whoever it is, the hour is here. I can only say what He's told me to say, and it'll be there," and it was.

And—and then, all of a sudden [Brother Branham claps his hands—Ed.], here He come, "the Stone cut out of the mountain, without hands."

Daniel saw that, you know, back many years ago. Billy knowed nothing about that, but it was a—it was a dream sent to him from the Lord.

143 Now, see, they claim to be worshipping that very God that they were making fun of.

And the same thing has reversed again today, by the same reason, living in a glare instead of the Light. Great Lights has a shine. All right.

144 Look what darkness we're in today! Look what's going on today! Look at murder, rape, strife! Why, it's come to pass. I believe it was Billy Graham said, in his last meeting,

"In ten years from now, every citizen of California will have to pack a gun to protect themself. You can't put enough law enforcement."

The people has just gone insane; shooting, murder, and rapes, everything, see. It's just gone wild, see, upon the streets. See, it's a-it's a day we're living in, a Sodomite day. See?

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<u>63-0623M — Standing In The</u> Gap 77 And now after the Bible had been interpreted, completely, then you notice it opened up the top of the pyramid-like Rock.

Not pyramid teaching now, not that, because I...The men who teach that pyramid doctrine, I guess they know what they're talking about.

I know nothing about it. But, however, it was in the shape of a pyramid, but the cap on the pyramid was never put on.

I've been in Cairo and—and in Egypt, and—and the cap never did come, because it was a cornerstone, it was a headstone.

In the church It was the cornerstone. In the full Church, It was the headstone. So It never did come. It was rejected, Christ. And It will come.

And I believe that when It's coming, that the Church will shape into a place, from justification under Luther, sanctification under Wesley, and the Pentecostal message will bring the Church to such a minority,

and a ministry will be among those people till it'll be exactly the same ministry that Jesus Christ did. That'll bring Jesus and catch the whole thing away.

<u>63-0623M — Standing In The</u>

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- Gap 79 Now, but insomuch as you noticed, in Brother Jackson's dream, that there was no writing on this Rock on the
- inside,

that's what I went West for. Now, as it's happened, and I told you, someday I would tell you what it meant.

I went West for it. And told you the vision, which the people, both on tape and present this morning, will know in taking Sirs, What Time Is It?

And any of you tape brethren that doesn't have that Message, and want to follow This, take: Sirs, What Time Is It? Before, weeks and months before it happened,

here I saw the vision of being at Tucson, north of Tucson; that'd be east of Flagstaff, north of Tucson; and would be picking burrs off of my trouser legs,

and a—a blast would go off that would actually look like shake the country. How many of you remember that? That's right. That would shake the country.

<u>61-0211 - Abraham</u>

89 Remember, there was a Stone cut out of the mountain without hands, come rolling into Babylon and tearing it down wherever it went.

And the kingdom of this world will fall just as certain. Every man-made kingdom's got to sink,

so the Kingdom of God can take the right of way. Every man-made organization will fall and crumble to the dust, that the power of the Holy Ghost might take the church and rapture it into that place up above. That's right. Yes, sir. They...Everything has served its purpose,

but we're at the time, brother, when God is calling His people out. The Stone that was cut out of the mountain without hands is rolling in,

crashing down Babylon, moving right on over. Get away from the big walls, friend. Come into Jesus Christ. That's the only Place of safety or refuge I know.

<u>63-0728 — Christ Is The</u> Mystery Of God Revealed 529 Then, our Headship is a Kingdom. "The Kingdom of God is within you," said the Bible, lesus.

The Kingdom! We are not a denomination. We belong to a Kingdom, and the Kingdom is the Word of God made Spirit and Life in our own life,

bringing to pass every promise in this day, as it did in that day when the Word and God was One.

And the Word and God is one in His Church today, making It the Headship of the Body that is redeemed, to bring the Message in the last day;

and be taken up from the dead, in the resurrection, to go back and will restore again, as Adam and Eve, in the beginning in the garden of Eden.

The threefold mystery of God, His Body! Oh, my! Notice closely now, like in types, Israel of old. [Blank spot on tape-Ed.]