

# Where's Waldo?

## Revelation 2:12

And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;

One of the key points of our study through the first few chapters of Revelation is that there is a true vine and a false vine running throughout the Bible, ever since the Garden of Eden. In the third church age, Satan wins some significant victories for the false vine. Through Emperor Constantine, Satan gained access and leadership of churches claiming to be Christian, which permitted Satan to act *in the name of God*. Revelation 2 highlights two developments that led to Satan's achievement. First, the increased acceptance of **Nicolaitanism**. The Ephesian Age was noted for the "works of the Nicolaitans," which have been formalized into doctrines in this third age. Second, **the doctrine of Balaam** sowed the same confusion it did at Baalpeor in the Book of Numbers.

The synagogue of Satan and the doctrine of Balaam referred to in Revelation 2 can be very impressive. That was Satan's intention, to make his church so impressive and imposing that it would be perceived to be so powerful it *had* to be right. However, in the introduction to the Pergamean message, Jesus introduces Himself and highlights that characteristic of Himself that will be critical to fighting the battle in this age. And He introduces Himself as **the Word**.

## Review

The church of Pergamos dwelled where Satan's own seat was. Satan increasingly ruled over believers through the doctrine of the Nicolaitaines, and the doctrine of Balaam had full sway in the church. Characteristics of the doctrine of Balaam:

- God's Word is just advice. Second opinions are welcome.
- *Blessings* are the best indicators of God's will.
- The end justifies the means. If we're getting whatever results we classify as "blessings" (usually higher numbers of certain things), there's no reason to look too closely at methods.
- Forms of religious worship unite and function as a smokescreen.

**On a personal level, living according to Balaam's life principles will lead someone far astray.** Balaam encourages you to rest in whatever God *permits* you to do, relying that He'll work all things together for good. He presents God as a 'happily ever after' kind of God. **Balaam makes God's permissive will seem a perfectly legitimate option to God's perfect will. However, the truth about the permissive will is different. Man's disobedience to God's perfect will is unable to hinder God's perfect will from being manifested. It is in that sense that the permissive will works to God's glory.**

Mordecai gives Esther a good explanation of this dynamic. Esther's decision would affect *her role* in God's perfect will, but it would not prevent God's perfect will from coming to pass.

### Esther 4:14

For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

Baalpeor is the place where the Israel met the Midianites for the feasts inspired by Balaam's teaching. Baalpeor = Lord of the gap, or *Lord of the Loophole*. The permissive will seems to us to be acceptable loopholes ... but Satan is ultimately lord of those loopholes.

## The Nicolaitans, Balaam, and Jezebel are 3 stages of the same antichrist spirit.

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This is a good place to make an illuminating observation. Look. The deeds and doctrines of the Nicolaitanes, the doctrine of Balaam, and the teaching of the false prophetess, Jezebel, do not constitute three spirits or make three spiritual principles. These three are but the various manifestations of the same spirit as it goes from depth to depth. What it all is, is the antichrist spirit of organization in its three various stages. Once the clergy separated themselves and organized themselves they oppressed the people by leading them into, and binding them to organization also. This organization was based upon the creeds and dogma which they taught the people instead of the pure Word of God.

Ritual and ceremony was given an increasing part in worship, and soon this whole system was a militant and diabolical power that did its best to control all through the persuasion of discourse or literal force. It received its energy from its own false prophecies and not the Word of God. It was now absolutely antichrist though it came in Christ's Name.

THYATIREAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.6, p.239

And in this Thyatirean Church age she is a DOMINATING FEMALE. She is Mystery Babylon. She is the great whore. She is Jezebel the false prophetess. WHY? Because the true female is submissive to God. Christ is her head. She has no word but His, no thoughts but His, no leadership but His. But what about this church? She has cast out the Word, destroyed the Bibles and worthy essays of the godly. She has slain those who would preach the truth. She has taken over kings, princes and nations-- controls armies and insists that she is the true body of Christ and that her popes are the vicars of Christ. She is entirely seduced by the devil until she in turn has become the seducer of others. She is the bride of Satan and has produced his bastard-child religions.

### Ephesians 5:21-24

<sup>21</sup>Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

<sup>22</sup>Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

<sup>23</sup>For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

<sup>24</sup>Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

### I Timothy 2:12

But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

### Revelation 3:17, 20

<sup>17</sup>Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

<sup>20</sup>Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

➔ Laodicea is the only church noted for its own statements about itself. Indeed, this “talking church” seems to be talking so much about itself that it can’t hear—much less receive—what Christ is trying to speak to it.

In the church of Pergamos, the devil made every attempt to get believers to base their relationship with God on anything *except the Word*. Nicolaitanism drew them to identify themselves by the church. The teaching of Balaam was a further attempt to confuse believers’ identity so they would join fellowship outside of the Word. These two tendencies culminated with “that woman Jezebel” ruling the church in the Thyatiran age. This represents the church coming completely loose from the headship of Christ and trying leading herself.

## The church councils during this Pergamean age illustrate how the basis of the church moved from the Word to the Church as the foundation.

Church historian Jaroslav Pelikan writes in *The Emergence of the Catholic Tradition*:

“The Second Council of Constantinople pledged its allegiance to ‘the things which we have received from Holy Scripture and from the teaching of the holy fathers and from the definitions of one and the same faith by the four sacred councils’—Nicaea in 325, Constantinople in 380, Ephesus in 431 and Chalcedon in 451. ‘These four councils,’ according to Justinian, ‘which took place and were confirmed, are authoritative in the church of God.’”

... [Justinian] added: 'In like manner all the four synods of the holy universal church we receive as we do the four books of the holy Gospels.' Elsewhere, too, he drew a parallel between the four Gospels and the four ecumenical councils" (335)

## ID Check: the false vine church illustrates that Satan appears "as an angel of light"

### II Corinthians 11:13-15

<sup>13</sup>For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

<sup>14</sup>And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

<sup>15</sup>Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Anointings can be genuine, prophecies can be correct, but does the teaching and life align with the Word (see CAB, pp. 184-185)

- Jesus' parable of the wheat and the tares (Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43)
- The rain of anointing falls on the just and the unjust (Hebrews 6:7-8; Matthew 5:45)

### Hebrews 6:7-8

<sup>7</sup>For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God:

<sup>8</sup>But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned.

### Matthew 5:45

That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

- People can do works that appear great and good, without even knowing God (Matthew 7:21-23).

### Matthew 7:21-23

<sup>21</sup>Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

<sup>22</sup>Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not **prophesied** in thy name? and in thy name have **cast out devils?** and in thy name done **many wonderful works?**

<sup>23</sup>And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you:** depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

### Matthew 24:24

For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

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Now Jesus knew that there was going to be a terrible drift away from the Word in the Pergamean Age which was as yet two hundred years off from the Patmos vision. He knew that drift would cause them to go into the Dark Ages. He knew that the way man originally got away from God was by first leaving the Word. If you leave that Word, you have left God. Thus He is presenting Himself to the church at Pergamos, and indeed to all churches of all ages, "I am the Word. If you want Deity in your midst, then welcome and receive the Word. Don't ever let anyone or anything get between you and that Word. This which I am giving you (the Word) is a revelation of Myself. I AM THE WORD. Remember that!"

**I wonder if we are sufficiently impressed with the Word in our midst.**

The Word is > just a teaching or doctrine, for Christ identifies Himself as the Word.

(see p.179 CAB)

*A couple's love letters are not just words on a page but tangible expressions of that individual and that couple's bond*

**John 1:14**

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

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The very substance of God was made flesh and dwelt amongst us. The great Spirit-God unto Which no man could approach, Which no man had seen or could behold was now tabernacled in flesh and dwelt among men, expressing the fullness of God to men.

**John 1:18**

No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, Which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him. God, Who on occasions would manifest His presence by the cloud or pillar of fire that struck fear in the hearts of men; this God, Whose heart characteristics were made known only by revelation of words through the prophets, now became Emmanuel (God with us) declaring Himself. **The word, 'declare,' is taken from the Greek root which we often interpret as *exegesis*, which means to thoroughly explain and make clear. That is what the Living WORD, Jesus, did. He brought God to us, for He was God.**

He revealed God to us with such perfect clarity that John could say [the following] about Him:

**I John 1:1-3**

<sup>1</sup>That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

<sup>2</sup>(For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

<sup>3</sup>That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

Bro. Branham emphasizes *what we receive, not what we produce* when speaking of the Holy Ghost.

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I want you to note very carefully that Jesus did not say that the evidence of being baptized with the Holy Ghost was speaking in tongues, interpreting, prophesying, or shouting and dancing. He said the evidence would be that you would be in the TRUTH; you would be in the Word of God for your age. **Evidence has to do with receiving that Word....**

*I Corinthians 14:37,*

*"If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord."*

Now see that. The proof of the indwelling Spirit was to acknowledge and FOLLOW what God's prophet gave for his age as he set the church in order. Paul had to say to those who claimed another revelation, (verse 36)

*"What, came the Word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?"*

**The evidence of a Spirit-filled Christian believer is not to produce the truth (Word), but to receive the truth (Word), and to believe and obey it.**

Have you noticed in Revelation 22:17

*"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come,--And let him that heareth say, Come."*

See, the bride speaks the same Word as does the Spirit. She is a Word bride proving she has the Spirit. In every church age we hear these words,

*"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."*

The Spirit gives the Word. **If you have the Spirit you will hear the Word for your age, as those true Christians took the Word for their age.**

Did you get that last thought? I repeat, every church age ends with the same admonition. "He that hath an ear, let him (an individual) hear what the Spirit saith to the churches." The Spirit gives the Word. He has the truth for each age. Each age has had its own elect, and that elect group always 'heard the word,' and received it, proving they had the Seed in them.

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Jesus does not deny that they did the mighty works that only the Holy Ghost can accomplish by way of men. But He did deny ever knowing them. These weren't backsliders. These were wicked, unregenerate, reprobates. These were the seed of Satan.

And there it is. **You CAN'T claim that manifestation is the evidence of being Spirit-born, Spirit-filled.** No sir. I will admit that true manifestation is the evidence of the Holy Spirit doing mighty acts, but it is NOT the evidence of the individual being Spirit-filled, even though that individual has an abundance of those manifestations.

The evidence of receiving the Holy Ghost today is just the same as it was back in the day of our Lord. It is receiving the Word of truth for the day in which you live. Jesus never did stress the importance of the Works as He did the Word. He knew that if the people got the WORD the works would follow. That is Bible.

“Pick up your pen and write” identifies Christ’s Bride based on received seed.

**It’s important to know where you are in a story if you want to understand what’s happening. If you don’t know where you are in the plot, the story won’t make much sense.**

**For example: John the Baptist lost sight of where he was in the story, and had to ask Jesus if He really were the Messiah. Modern events are made clear by prophecy in the sense that prophecy gives us a sense of what’s coming, though often not in the details.**

In the “Pick Up Your Pen and Write” section of this chapter, Bro. Branham talks about the Law of Reproduction, that every seed bears forth of its kind, and he makes several references to the former and latter rains and the role they play in God’s restoration work. I believe a main purpose of this message in “Pick up your pen and write” is to identify what is and isn’t a work of God for an age of confusion.

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One night as I was seeking the Lord, the Holy Spirit told me to pick up my pen and write. As I grasped the pen to write, His Spirit gave me a message for the church. I want to bring it to you... It has to do with the Word and the bride.

"Here is what I am trying to say to you. The law of reproduction is that each specie brings forth after its own kind, even according to Genesis 1:11, "And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, and the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so." Whatever life was in the seed came forth into a plant and thence into fruit. The very same law applies to the church today. Whatever seed started the church will come forth and be like the original seed because it is the same seed. In these last days the true Bride Church (Christ's seed) will come to the Headstone, and she will be the super church, a super race, as she nears Him. They in the bride will be so much like Him that they will even be in His very image. This is in order to be united with Him. They will be one. They will be the very manifestation of the Word of the living God. Denominations cannot produce this (wrong seed). They will produce their creeds and their dogmas, mixed with the Word. This mongrelizing brings forth a hybrid product.

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He has to be for that is history repeating itself from the time of Ahab. Israel's history under Ahab is happening right here in America where the prophet of Malachi appears. As Israel left Egypt to worship in freedom, pushed out the natives, raised up a nation with great leaders like David etc., and then put an Ahab on the throne with a Jezebel behind him to direct, so have we done the very same in America. Our forefathers left for this land to worship and live in freedom. They pushed back the natives and took over the land. Mighty men like Washington and Lincoln were raised up but after awhile other men of such poor caliber succeeded these worthy men that soon an Ahab was set in the presidential chair with a Jezebel behind him to direct him. It is at such a time as this that the messenger of Malachi must come. Then in the latter rain will come a Mount Carmel showdown. Watch this carefully now to see it in the Word. John was the forerunner of Malachi 3. He **planted the former rain** and was rejected by the organizations of his day. Jesus came and had a Mount Transfiguration show down. **The second forerunner of Christ will sow for the latter rain. Jesus will be the showdown between the denominations and creeds, for He will come to back up His Word and take His bride in the rapture.** The first showdown was Mount Carmel; the second was the Mount Transfiguration, and the third will be Mount Zion.

The former rain is a teaching/sowing rain.

**Hosea 6:1-3**

Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former\* rain unto the earth.

\*HEBREW LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 3138

3138 yowreh {yo-reh'} h,rAy active participle of 3384; TWOT -- 910a; n m

1) early rain, autumn shower

1a) rain which falls in Palestine from late October until early December

*The related Hebrew words (Strongs #3139 & #3140) Yowrah and Yowray = he instructs, Jehovah hath taught me*

### Joel 2:23-27

Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former\*\* rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter\*\*\* rain in the first month.

And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil.

And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.

And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

\*\*HEBREW LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 4175

4175 mowreh {mo-reh'}

1) (early) rain; 2) (TWOT) teacher

\*\*\*HEBREW LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 4456

4456 malqowsh {mal-koshe'}

1) latter rain, spring rain; 1a) the March and April rains which mature the crops of Palestine

*Joel 2 is directly referring to judgment and restoration of contemporary Israel, with Judah being taken away to Babylon, then being restored back to their land later. And afterwards God's Spirit falling upon all flesh, as in Acts 2. This scripture is a good example of dual fulfillment in the church ages. As with Judah, idolatry crept into the church during the ages of Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos and Thyatira. The promised restoration came about through the Reformation under Luther, the holiness revival under Wesley, the outpouring of God's Spirit at Pentecost, and the restoration of the Word through the Message of the Hour.*

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64-3 Someone asked me to repeat that Hebrew word again. In Joel the 2nd chapter (Joel 2:28) where he's speaking of the coming of the former and latter rain, the word "former" is the Hebrew word M-o-u-r-e-h, moureh, which means "teaching." In other words, it'll be a teaching rain and a harvest rain. Now, we've had the teaching rain, and we're ready now for the harvest rain. You know the first rain is when you plant the seed. That starts your crop growing. Then just before it matures, there comes another crop. That's what they call the harvest rain. We know when it is--the spring rains, and then the rains about June, it makes your crop.

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123-5 Then in the latter rain there will come forth a Mount Carmel, a showdown: Bible fulfilled to the letter. John the Baptist, His messenger before His face in Malachi 3, planted a former rain and was rejected by the churches, the denominations, the Pharisees and Sadducees in his day. Jesus came and had the Mount Transfiguration showdown. **This forerunner of the last days will sow for the former rain.** Jesus will be the showdown between denominations and creeds (which is His Word). **When He comes, the showdown, the rapture of His Bride...** The first was Mount Carmel; the second was Mount Transfiguration; the third will be Mount Zion. Glory.

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E-64 **There's a revival going on. What is it? A sowing.** You don't hear very much of Billy Graham no more, do you? What about Oral? What about the rest of them? You know the great revival fire's not burning. What is it? It's the end time seed sign. The words has been sown. What is it? Denomination will reap denomination. That makes them confederate themselves together. **But the Word of God has been sowed also. And when the Spirit of God begins to fall, the Word of God will live in the people.** And that false bride that's committed adultery out there, and brought herself into creeds, and sold out her birthrights will reap what? A

confederation of church, that's to be bound and burned like the thorns and thistles. **But where the Word of God's been sowed into the people's heart, it will reap a Bride for Christ as certain as I'm standing here: End time signs.**

Be cautious of your own interpretations of what God's doing. Many people thought the Pentecostal revivals of the latter rain.

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E-65 What's the matter, Church of God? What's the matter with us? What's the matter with you Baptists, you Presbyterians, Assemblies of God, Jesus Only, all the rest of you? What's the matter with us? Can't you see? The seed... Don't you... **Be careful what kind of a seed you're taking in your womb of your heart.** Don't you take creeds; take the Word.

**They've been talking so much about latter rain. Not discarding you latter rain brethren, but that's not latter rain.** If the latter rain would've been here, the power of God would've struck that thing, and she'd have swept the world. The latter rain's fixing to come. **What's the matter? The church is manufacturing herself something just like Eve tried to do.** She tried to have more light to manufacture something.

We've done the same thing, trying to make something in ourselves. Keep your hand off of it. Let God do it. Take His Word and believe It. Hold It in your heart. And when the rain begins to fall life will take hold, and the Word will manifest itself.

**God interprets His own Word ... by bringing it to pass. Our own interpretations usually just confuse things.**

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75 But, as I have said before, **God needs nobody to interpret His Word. He does His Own interpretation by--by bringing to pass the things that He said He would do. He interprets His Own Word.** He doesn't need our interpretation. It's, **our interpretation is our own man-made thoughts that we put with It.**

76 When God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. That needs no interpretation.

77 God said, "A virgin shall conceive," and she did. That doesn't need any interpretation.

78 Jesus said, "The Son of man goes up to Jerusalem and be given into the hands of sinful man. They'll crucify Him, and on the third He'll raise up again." That needs no interpretation.

79 He said, "A little while and the world seeth Me no more; yet ye shall see Me, for I'll be with you, even in you, to the end of the age, to the consummation." He is here. It doesn't need any interpretation. It's His promise.

80 "The works that I do shall he do also. He that believeth in Me, the works that I do shall he do also." That's found in Saint John 14:12. And we know that that's true, so it doesn't need any interpretation.

**Pentecost was not the restoration God promised, though many thought it was!**

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This age started just after the turn of the twentieth century. As it was to be the age in which the true church would return to being the bride she was at Pentecost, we know that there must of necessity be a return of dynamic power. The believers sensed this in their spirits and began crying to God for a new outpouring such as was in the first century.

What seemed to be the answer came as many began to speak in tongues and manifest gifts of the Spirit. It was then believed that this was indeed the long awaited RESTORATION. It was not, for the latter rain can come only after the former rain which is the spring or TEACHING rain. The latter rain, then, is the HARVEST rain. How could this be the real thing when the Teaching Rain had not come? The Prophet-Messenger who was to be sent to TEACH the people and turn the hearts of the children back to the Pentecostal fathers had not yet come. Thus what was thought to be the restoration and the final quickening unto the rapture had not come. In it was a mixture of the unrighteous partaking of Spiritual blessing and manifesting in the Holy Ghost as we have kept pointing out to you. In it also was devil power as men were under the control of devils, yet no one seemed to realize it. Then, to prove that it was not the REAL, these people (even before a second generation had appeared) organized, and wrote their unscriptural doctrines and built their own fences as every other group ahead of them did.

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It is "Thus saith the Lord" for that is what Joel 2:23-26 says...

**Now it says God is going to "restore". The Lutheran Age did not restore the church; it started a reformation. The Wesleyan Age did not restore. The Pentecostal Age did not restore. But God has to restore for He cannot deny His Word. This is not the resurrection of the Church; it is the "Restoration". God will take the Church right back to Pentecost of the beginning.** Now notice in verse 25 it tells why we need restoration. The locust, cankerworm, caterpillar and palmerworm have eaten all but the root and a

small bit of the stem. Now we are told that all these insects are all one and the same in different stages. That is right. They are the antichrist spirit manifested in organization, denomination and false doctrine through the ages. And that poor little root and stalk is going to be restored. God isn't going to plant a new Church, but is going to bring His original planting back to original seed. He is doing it as stated in verse 23, by the teaching, or "former" rain. **Next will come the harvest rain or rapturing faith.**

As Bro. Branham's ministry was in transition, he was also expecting a great move of God. How he describes that move of God can help us know what's in store for us.

**Who is this great messenger?**

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730-226 Now, and that's what I say, seems like there's more misunderstanding all the time, continually. What is it? Is... Have I planted all the seeds that's supposed to be planted? Is the time at hand? **Is this great messenger fixing to step on the scene right now?** Is the coming of the Lord near? Is it calling away from this land to the other? Has He called me from evangelism?

**The great messenger will be the Angel of Rev. 10:1. He was soon to step down to earth.**

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735-244 **O God, let Your people realize that soon the Angel shall set foot upon the land and sea and raise up His hands and say, "Time shall be no more."**

**Waiting for Malachi 4 to be fulfilled.**

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55 We got to get back to the Word. Got... And we'll do it. God said, "I will restore, saith the Lord, all the years that the cankerworms and palmerworms eat." It's going to bloom out in the evening time. **There will come forth one with a Message; he'll restore the hearts, or the faith of the children back to the faith of the fathers.** He promised it in Malachi 4, that He would do it: return them back again.

Now, that isn't Elijah that was talked of in the Bible; Jesus said in Matthew 11, "If you can receive it, John there was the Elias that was to come," of Malachi 3. "Behold, I send My messenger before My face," Malachi 3, you find that.

57 But remember, the Malachi 4, the message comes, "The terrible day of the Lord shall come and shall burn up the whole earth, and the righteous shall walk out upon the ashes of the wicked." That never happened after John. No, if that was it, then the Scripture has lost its hold, it said something that wasn't so. We got two thousand years since then; the world hasn't been burned since, not at all. Neither has the righteous walked out upon the--the--the ashes of the wicked. **But we're still waiting for that something that's going to take the faith, and restore the faith of the children back to the original Pentecostal Tree** that the cankerworm eat up, the Roman cankerworm, caterpillar. All their denomination and creeds eat it down. God said, "I will restore it again, in the last days." And it will be restored. God shall send the Holy Ghost in such a way, upon planted Word, that will restore. The Word of God is a Seed that a sower went forth to sow.

**Still looking for the great messenger.**

COUNTDOWN\_ JEFF.IN V-11 N-3 SUNDAY\_ 62-0909M

109 **Now, we're in the seventh age, the Laodicean church age. And we are looking for that great messenger of the second appearing of Elijah on the countdown.** And as soon as that appears, then it's zero time and the church takes its way home, goes out into space, into the heavens, on beyond moon, stars, everything else, and meet Jesus.

**There hasn't been a revival for the Bride yet (as of this sermon), something to wake her up.**

THIRD.SEAL.THE\_ JEFF.IN WEDNESDAY\_ 63-0320

253-2 {182} Now, that's what's the reason today that the--the revivals that we're supposed to have... **We have denominational revivals; we haven't had a real stirring.** No, no, no, no. No, sir. Don't think we got revivals. We haven't. Oh, they've got millions and millions and millions of church members, but not a revival nowhere. No, no.

**The--the Bride hasn't had a revival yet. See? There's been no revival there, no manifestation of God to stir the Bride yet. See? We're looking for it. It will take those seven unknown thunders back there to wake her up again. He will send it. He promised it.**

Now, now, watch. Now, she was--she was dead.

LOOK.AWAY.TO.JESUS\_ JEFF.IN V-2 N-17 SUNDAY\_ 63-1229E

38 So now I am going to say something to you, now, that I haven't said all along. And, that is, the thing that we have looked forward to for so long (for at least many years, four or five years, or maybe longer), the Third Pull, has now been vindicated, and I'm sure you all know what it is....

43 It is so sacred, that, I mustn't say much about it. As He told me in the beginning, said, "This, say nothing of it." You remember that, years ago? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] It speaks for itself. See? But you... I've tried to explain the others, and I made a mistake. **This will be the thing, that, to my opinion... I don't say the Lord tells me this. This will be a thing that will start the Rapturing faith, for the going away.** See? See? And it...

44 I must lay quiet for just a little while. Now remember, and who is listening to this tape, you might see such a change in my ministry right away, dropping back, not going up; dropping back. We're right at the age now, and it can't be, can't go any further. We have to wait just a minute until this happens over here, to catch up, then the time comes. But, it's thoroughly identified....

50 Now we are closer than it seems to be. I don't know when, but it's real, real close. I may be building a platform for somebody else to step on. I may be taken before that time. I don't know. And that time may be this coming week, that the Holy Spirit will come with... and bring Christ Jesus. He may come this next week. He may come yet tonight. I don't know when He will come. He doesn't tell us that.

51 But I do believe, that we are so close, that I would never die with old age. Yet, at fifty-four years old, I'll never die with old age, until He's here. See? Unless I'm shot, killed, or something other, some way killed, just old age wouldn't kill me, until He's come. And I believe that.

52 And I want to say this. I've never said it before. But according to Scripture, according to what He said thirty years ago; thirty-three years ago on the river down there, in 1933, rather; what He said, everything has happened just exactly. **I may not do it, but this Message will introduce Jesus Christ to the world. For, "As John the Baptist was sent to forerun the first coming, so is the Message to forerun the second Coming."** And John said, "Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world." See? So, it's, it paralleled it in every way. And I know it will, the Message will go on.

**No longer looking for the Great Messenger; He is Christ (Rev. 10:1) and is now working.**

FEAST.OF.THE.TRUMPETS\_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-16 SUNDAY\_ 64-0719M

48-3 **There will come a messenger in the last days, will guide the people back to the firstfruits, back to the original faith. Grant it, Lord, that that great Messenger among us now, the great Christ, the Holy Spirit made vivid, made understanding, opening up the Word and revealing it to us, may He guide them back to the original Pentecostal faith.** Like Peter said on the day of Pentecost, "Repent, every one of you; be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for remission of sin." And it was forever that way, to every person, until the Roman church at Nicaea.

**That which was needed to stir the Bride has come; the Bride is already awakening.**

RECOGNIZING.YOUR.DAY\_ JEFF.IN V-5 N-1 SUNDAY\_ 64-0726M

82 **Everywhere now there's no revival.** Everybody's complaining, ministers crying.... That's all you hear. "Fast, pray. We're going to have a great breaking of the day. There's a great thing going to happen. All of you pray, pray, pray. We're not too late yet." Why do they do that? Why do they do that? They want a great awakening. They're crying, believing that there will be awakened. They're good people. Why is it? What have they done? **They have not recognized the awakening of the Bride.** See? By being a Christian they feel the pull of the hour, but they haven't recognized what's been done. That's what's making them feel that way. They know something's supposed to happen; but (See?), they are looking for it way off in the future to come, when it's already happened right by you.

WORKS.IS.FAITH.EXPRESSED\_ SHREVEPORT.LA V-7 N-1 FRIDAY\_ 65-1126

335 Now, that Messenger did something. He spoke about a woman that He had His back turned to, and told her--and told her she was doubting what He was saying, told her her conditions and what was going to happen. Is that right? Did He say that the Son of man would reveal Himself in the same way in that day? Well, do you believe that's the Truth? Well, here stands a woman...

**And in the invisible union of the church, the Bride to Christ, that Messenger is here now, which is Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever.**

RISING.OF.THE.SUN\_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-12 SUNDAY\_ 65-0418M

45-3 **He is the One Who opened those Seals; He is those Seals. For the whole Word of God is Christ, and Christ is the Seals that was open. What is the opening of those Seals then? Revealing Christ.** And the very seven Angels which represented the Seven churches was all completed, and we couldn't even see It. They did--they took the picture, not us. And there He is standing there, supreme Judge, showing that He is Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End. What identification.

**Quickening Power did that to us. Quickening Power lets us see His coming.** Quickening Power snatched us from death to Life. Quickening Power gives discernment to know what's wrong with you, and what to do, what you have done, and what you ought not have done, what you should have done, and what you will be. **Quickening Power.** All these things..

## The latter rain is the harvest rain, the rapture.

THE.SPOKEN.WORD.IS.THE.ORIGINAL.SEED\_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-2 SUNDAY\_ 62-0318

123-5 Then in the latter rain there will come forth a Mount Carmel, a showdown: Bible fulfilled to the letter. John the Baptist, His messenger before His face in Malachi 3, planted a former rain and was rejected by the churches, the denominations, the Pharisees and Sadducees in his day. Jesus came and had the Mount Transfiguration showdown. **This forerunner of the last days will sow for the former rain. Jesus will be the showdown** between denominations and creeds (which is His Word). **When He comes, the showdown, the rapture of His Bride...** The first was Mount Carmel; the second was Mount Transfiguration; the third will be Mount Zion. Glory

### Luke 21:29-33

And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;

When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.

So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.

Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

**In a season of harvest, all seeds are affected. We live in a time when all philosophies and ideas are coming to fruition, which is one reason why there is so much division in society. Many kinds of seeds and shucks are separating. It's a sign of the times. Be aware of the anointing of the time and as lots of different seeds and shucks pull away, pull away from the world, and to the Word.**

PERGAMEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.5

Now Jesus knew that there was going to be a terrible drift away from the Word in the Pergamean Age which was as yet two hundred years off from the Patmos vision. He knew that drift would cause them to go into the Dark Ages. He knew that the way man originally got away from God was by first leaving the Word. If you leave that Word, you have left God. Thus He is presenting Himself to the church at Pergamos, and indeed to all churches of all ages, "I am the Word. If you want Deity in your midst, then welcome and receive the Word. Don't ever let anyone or anything get between you and that Word. This which I am giving you (the Word) is a revelation of Myself. I AM THE WORD. Remember that!"

**I wonder if we are sufficiently impressed with the Word in our midst.**

*God sent the spirit of Elijah in these end times to restore us to Bible faith. William Branham's ministry was a ministry of sowing those original Bible truths, which he identified as the "former rain" phase of the restoration the prophet Joel prophesied. Lots of seeds can be planted in a field, but only one is the seed intended by the farmer and planted by the farmer. All the seeds, even the weeds, will benefit from the summer weather and the final rains bringing the crop to harvest readiness. But that final harvest anointing will reveal which plants were wheat and which were tares. **The only basis for revival is the revealed Word of God.** Take that into your hearts and let God bring it to a harvest condition, for we are nearing the time of harvest, for not only His seed but also all seeds.*