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*“...there  
should be  
time no longer.”*

*He that hath an ear, let him hear!*

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*The 'Eagle screams...*



*...the Dove leads.*



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 or centuries, man has been looking forward to a **Utopia** on earth. History has recorded the rise of many great empires which seemed set to bring about the state of Utopia upon the earth. Unfortunately, they soon found themselves falling into the abyss of destruction as social evils began to prevail.

Man has succeeded in achieving many great things which have significantly improved his living conditions. However, the number of his successes is matched with an equal, if not bigger, number of failures. This is due to sin which is in man (Rom.3:23). Sin is the root cause of destruction of man and his achievements (Psm.52:3; Mk.7:21-23). Hence, whatever good things he may have achieved tend to end in destruction.

Nevertheless, the Utopian world, which man has been dreaming about, will soon become a reality. It is closer than we dare to think. According to the Holy Bible, the *Day of Grace* is fast coming to an end. On the other hand, chronology shows that the *Grace Age* for man is over and that we are living on borrowed time. Whatever it is, we are actually living in **THE HOUR OF THE FINAL EVENTS** when the Elect (True Church, Bride) of Christ is preparing for the *Grand Marriage Supper of the Lamb*. And when the final events pertaining to the Church have been fulfilled, the Gospel will be returned to the Jews for the fulfillment of the prophecies of Daniel 9:24-27. The *Great Tribulation*, which will take place in the second half of the 70th Week, will be cut short when the Almighty God shall pour out His wrath upon the wicked in that *Great and Terrible Day of the Lord* (Matt.24:21-22, 29-30; Isa.13:6-13). Then Jesus Christ, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, will appear in the clouds of heaven. He will return to establish the Rule of God and begin His Millennial Reign over the earth. It will surely be a Utopian age. There will be righteousness, prosperity, peace and harmony among all the creatures of God, both great and small (Mic.4:1-3; Isa.65:17-25).

## THE PRESENT GENERATION

All Bible prophecies will invariably be fulfilled at their *appointed* time. God's Word never fails. It never returns unto Him void of Its purpose

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(Isa.55:11). Several of the most important prophecies in the Scripture are being fulfilled in this generation. Among them is a vision which the Lord had shown to the Apostle John during his captivity on the Isle of Patmos. The vision is recorded in **Revelation Chapter 10**, which is the subject of this study.

The ***Book of Revelation*** deals with the ***revelation*** of our Lord Jesus Christ which God gave unto Him to show to His people that they may read and understand, and be blessed as they keep the words of the revelation (Rev.1:1-3). Undoubtedly, of all the sixty-six books in the Bible, the ***Book of Revelation*** is the most popular book with Bible students. As a result there are many different interpretations (or *misinterpretations*) of the book. Because the revelation of Jesus Christ was given to the Apostle John in the form of ***visions of prophetic symbols***, and not by way of narration of chronological events, the reader will certainly need to have the Holy Spirit and the Spirit of revelation to understand the many mysteries which are hidden in the *spiritual language*.

**Revelation 10** is commonly known among the Endtime Bible believers as ‘**The Coming of Christ**’ chapter. But how are the events as seen by John in his vision reconciled with the rest of the Holy Scriptures? While some believe that the chapter deals with the ***Coming of the Word*** through the *Seventh Church Age Messenger*, William Marrion Branham, others believe that it is about the ***Rapture*** (which either has already taken place or will take place in the future). Revelation 10 records the ***final events*** in the closing period of the ***Dispensation of Grace***, which is also known as the *Gospel Age* or the *Seven Church Age*.

Before I deal with the subject matter, I wish to state that I am not a proud person. Everyone is entitled to his own views, which may be different from mine. But for any person to claim that his beliefs are never wrong, he must be more than the Apostles of the Early Church or perhaps more than a Prophet-Messenger. Otherwise, he must be a proud man who believes that he is above all others! The only person who is infallible is the Lord Jesus Christ. *Now, it is necessary to seriously think about that!*

However, one should *bear in mind that the revelation of the Word of God is of no private interpretation*. It does not deal with the opinions of the Apostles or Prophets of the Bible; it deals with the revealed ***Word and Plan of God***. It is easy for a person to say “*It means this*” or “*It means that*”, but the Holy Spirit will only bear witness to a true revelation of the ***LOGOS*** of any doctrine or prophecy which is Word-based and consistent with all other ***LOGOS*** in the whole Scripture. As it is written in the Scripture: “*Let God be true, but every man a liar*” (Rom.3:4). Amen.

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### REVELATION 10

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8: *And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.*

9: *And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.*

10: *And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.*

11: *And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.*

### THE BREACH

According to God's *prophetic calendar*, we are now living in the closing hour of the dispensation of the Grace Age, which is also called the *Laodicean Church Age*. With the culmination of the Grace Age, God will return the Gospel to the children of Israel and deal with them for a period of seven years to fulfill Daniel's prophecy about the 70th Week (Dan.9:24-27) following the **events of Revelation 10**, which are **currently being fulfilled**.

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In the *New Testament* we read that the Gospel was first preached to the Jews. But when the Jews rejected it, the Gospel was then preached to the Gentiles. The number of Jewish converts became less.

Similarly, Revelation 10 *bridges* the gap between the end of the *Grace Age* for the Gentiles and the return of the Gospel to the Jews. Over the last two decades or so, there has been decadence in Organized Christianity. There has been much *compromise* in the preaching of the Word of God. The fall in the number of true believers among the Gentiles is matched by the increased interest among the Jews in the Gospel of Christ.

Yes, we are at the endtime. We are living in the final few grains of sand in the hourglass of God's time. And, as believers of God's precious Word, we are now seeing the *unfolding* of final events which will lead to the **UNION of the Bride of Christ and her Groom**. Let us, therefore, rejoice and be glad.

## UNDERSTANDING THE VISION

In order to understand Revelation 10 we must remember that when the Apostle John was caught up in the Spirit on the Lord's Day what he had witnessed were **visions**. Almost all things and events which appeared to him in the visions were **prophetic symbols**. As such, we should not expect to see them happen in the form which John had seen them in the visions. For example, we should not expect to literally see a woman sitting on a seven-headed scarlet-colored beast (Rev.17:3) or a city coming down from Heaven (Rev.21:2).

Therefore, with a correct understanding of Revelation 10, we will realize that the vision is *not* about the *Rapture*, neither is it about the *Coming of Christ* to the Mount of Olives. (Please refer to 1 Cor.15: 51-53; 1 Thess.4:13-17; Zech.14:4 and Acts 1:10-12.) The *Rapture* will be a literal event when Christ Jesus will meet His Bride in the air. Christ's feet will *not* touch the earth. And in the *Coming of Christ* to Mount Olives, the Holy Scripture clearly shows us that He shall stand on the mount and *not* on the sea and land.

## THE MYSTERIOUS COMING OF THE CHRIST

The **vision**, as recorded in **Revelation 10**, shows the **MYSTERIOUS Coming of Christ for His True Church** (at the close of the *Grace Age*) before He comes *physically* to take her to the **Marriage Supper of the Lamb** and return the Gospel to the Jews. The final events began to take place the moment John saw the **Mighty Angel** come down from Heaven until he took the **little book** out of the hand of the **Mighty Angel**, ate it, and was told that he "*must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings*". Five of the events shown in this vision

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are i) the *Mystery of the Marriage of the Lamb* (2 Cor.11:2; Rev.19:6-9), ii) the *Ministry of the Seventh Star-Messenger* (Rev.10:7; Rev.3:14-22), iii) the *Revelation of the Sealed Book* (Rev.5), iv) the *Ministry of the Ascension Gifts* (Eph.4:11-16), and v) the *Final Call to the Bride for her Translation to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb* (1 Cor.15:51-53; 1 Thess.4:13-17; Rev.19:6-9). These five events will be discussed in more detail as we study the verses in Revelation 10.

The *utterance* of the *Mighty Angel* that John “*must prophesy again*” contains a *dual prophecy*. Though, after his release from exile in 96 A.D., John probably did prophesy for a few years while residing in Ephesus, those prophetic words have a more definite bearing on the *Endtime Church*. Being the *beloved disciple* of Jesus, John was given the special privilege of being transported in the Spirit to the *Lord's Day* to *see* “*the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter*”. Prophetically, he *types* the Endtime Bride, the *Beloved of Christ*, who will certainly enjoy the same privilege to *understand* those “*things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter*”.

To fully understand the doctrine of the **Second Advent** of our Lord Jesus Christ, as Bible believers, we must realize that, before the **GLORIOUS PHYSICAL APPEARING** (Grk: *epiphaneia*) of Christ to meet His Bride in the air, there is a **SPIRITUAL COMING of His WORD** to His Elect. In the **First Advent** of Christ, the **WORD** first came to a chosen few for about 30 years before the **LITERAL COMING** (Grk: *eisodos* — an entering in [see Acts 13:24]) of **Christ Incarnate** (at River Jordan, after which the people beheld **His GLORY**, “*the glory as of the only begotten of the Father*” [see Jhn.1:14]). Likewise, the **Second Advent** also consists of a period of several events in which **His PRESENCE** (Grk: *parousia*) and **His REVELATION** (Grk: *apokalupsis*) are gradually made known to an elected few before **His LITERAL COMING** (Grk: *epiphaneia*) for them **in the Rapture**. *This fact can never be over-emphasized.* It is this **SPIRITUAL COMING of the WORD (LOGOS, the CHRIST)** that has awakened the sleeping *virgins* of Christ Jesus who, since the beginning of this 20th Century, have received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in anticipation of the meeting with their Lord. However, only the wise, who are well prepared, will see and receive the **revelation of the WORD of God** and enter into the *Marriage* (Matt.25). The nominal Christians who are constantly looking for the *Rapture* in the sky will miss this truth as this mystery is hidden from them.

## THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE MIGHTY ANGEL

*“And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as*

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*it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:"*

It is certainly not difficult to identify this **Mighty Angel** whom John had seen in his vision. Though some theologians may teach that he was just one of the many angelic beings doing his job, it is our prerogative, as Bible believers, to establish the truth and maintain an unwavering faith in the Word of God.

The Greek word for 'angel' is '*aggelos*', and the equivalent in the Hebrew is '*malokh*'. The word means '*one who is sent to deliver a message, a messenger*', and '*a messenger*' can be one who is a spirit being or a human being. However, in this case the **Mighty Angel**, who was seen coming down from Heaven, was neither a created spirit being nor a human being. He was the very **personification** of Almighty God in the **Person** of Jesus Christ Himself.

Again, let me emphasize: what John saw was a **vision** of **Prophetic Events** in **spiritual symbols**. Therefore, do not expect to see a giant-sized Person of Christ descending from Heaven when this prophecy is being fulfilled.

The *description* of how the **Mighty Angel** was clothed clearly shows that He was the personification of God in Christ. In Revelation chapter 1, we are shown how the *Son of Man* was clothed as a High Priest and Supreme Judge. However, in chapter 10, He is described as being clothed with a **cloud** and crowned with a **rainbow**. His face was shining like the **sun** and His feet were like **pillars of fire**. These descriptions *identify* Him as **the Mighty Angel of the Covenant**.

In the Scriptures, we often read of **cloud** being used to shroud the **Glory of the Lord** whenever He appeared before the people. Just as the natural cloud covers and dims the glorious light of the sun so that the eyes of its beholders would not be blinded, the Lord chose to cloth Himself with a **cloud** to protect those standing before Him from being blinded by His Glorious Light (Ex.24:15-18; 34:5; Lev.16:2). The **Pillar of Cloud** which was with the children of Israel in their exodus from Egypt was a testimony of **His Presence, Leadership, and Strength**. It was a **Cloud of Blessings**. **Cloud** is also usually associated with **His Coming for the Bride** (1Thess.4:15-17) and **His Second Coming to earth** (Matt.24:29-30; Rev.1:7). Hence, this **MYSTERIOUS Coming of Christ**, as seen by John also shows **His Coming** with a **cloud**. And, other than the elect, no one is able to look beyond the **cloud** and see the **Glorious Light**. Amen! Did not God show **His Presence** to this generation in 1963 in the form of the **Face** of Jesus Christ in the **cloud**?

The Living God of the Bible is a **Maker of covenants**. He is a 'Covenanter' and the **rainbow** was the first token of an **everlasting covenant**



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He made with the man Noah (Gen.9:8-17). Even round about His throne, there is a *rainbow* to remind us of Who He is (Rev.4:3). The *rainbow* on the head of this *Mighty Angel* shows us that He is none other than the Covenant-Maker Himself in *angelic* form. He is the *Angel of THE COVENANT* (Mal.3:1). **THIS COVENANT** which was ratified by His Own Blood (Heb.9:11-23) **was a firm covenant** He made with Abraham. The Old Covenant, which was established at Sinai (Ex.19:5), could *not* disannul **THIS PRECIOUS COVENANT** (Gal.3:17-25) within which can be felt God's heartbeat of love for His elect, both Jews and Gentiles (Jhn.17). He is the Redeemer.

[Note: There are some believers who teach that Revelation 10 contains events dealing with the Jews only because they believe that '*THE ANGEL OF THE COVENANT*' relates Himself to Israel and not the Gentiles. However, the fact is that '*THE ANGEL OF THE COVENANT*' binds Himself to His Own Covenant. Read Heb.6:13-20. Jesus Christ is the Mediator of *THE COVENANT* which is for *both* Jews and Gentiles. Read Heb.6:16-19; 8:6; 12:24, cf. Mal.3:1.]

Notice, though we may not see a *rainbow* when we see a *cloud*, *rainbow* does not appear without the *cloud*. *Rainbow* is formed by a spectrum of seven colours produced by the refraction of sunlight. Hence, the *FACE* or *PRESENCE of God* (Ex.33:14; Isa.63:9; 2Cor.4:6) refracts the **GLORY OF GOD** — "*His face was as it were the SUN*". Without the *Glorious Light* shining from the **SON of God**, God's Blessings (His *Presence*, His *Leadership* and His *Strength*) in the *Cloud* would not be apparent to His people. As His *Glory* shines from His *Face*, Its *Light* refracts the *Rainbow* of His *Everlasting Covenant* through the *Cloud*.

"His feet as *Pillars of Fire*". *Fire* is another identification of the *personality* of the *Mighty Angel*. *Fire* is not only often used in the Bible to symbolize the *Presence of God*, it is also used in association with *searching*, *illuminating*, *separating*, *cleansing*, *purifying*, and *judging* (Gen.15:17; Ex.14:24; Deut.4:24; Lk.3:16-17).

## THE SEQUENCE OF THE VISION

To have a better understanding of the vision, we should *not* overlook the **sequence** of how it was revealed to John. First, John saw the "*Mighty Angel come down from Heaven*". The *Mighty Angel* did *not* suddenly appear in his vision standing on the sea and land. He was **DESCENDING** from Heaven. Next, John noticed that He was *clothed with a white CLOUD*.

As the *Mighty Angel* continued to descend, His face and other parts of His body became obvious. And He had a little open scroll in His left hand.

## THE LITTLE OPEN BOOK

*“And he had in his hand a little book open;...”*

What was that *little open book*?

The *book* was actually a *scroll*. It was the **same scroll** that John saw earlier **in the right hand of the One Who sat on the Throne** (Rev.5:1). **It was then a sealed scroll**, which was sealed with seven seals. And only Jesus Christ, the Lion of the tribe of Judah and the Lamb of God, was worthy to open the seals. **This ‘Seven Seals’ Scroll is now an open scroll.** It is the **title-deed** to the possession of the earth and the Eternal Life that Adam and Eve had lost.

But why did it become a *“little scroll”* in the hand of the *Mighty Angel*? The scroll did not in any way shrink. We must realize that the *Mighty Angel* was a huge figure in the vision. It is obvious from the fact that He had *“His right foot upon the sea, and His left foot upon the land”*. He was *not* just a six-foot tall person standing on the seashore with one foot in the sea water and the other on the beach.

**One important fact to bear in mind is that the whole vision was centred on the MIGHTY ANGEL Himself and all that He represented.** He was **THE PRE-EMINENT FEATURE** in the vision. Failure to recognize this fact will cause the events in this prophetic vision of the Apostle John to be misinterpreted. Those who teach that this prophetic vision pertains to the *RAPTURE* have probably focused their attention on the wrong things in the vision. The *“little book”* and its *Seventh Seal* are often over-emphasized. There are two groups who believe that Revelation 10 is about the *RAPTURE*. One group contends that the *Rapture* has yet to take place because the *Seventh Seal* is still unopened, and that Christ will only come for His Bride once the seal is broken. The other group believes that **all Seven Seals** were *opened* by William M. Branham in 1963. Based on certain specific year which Brother Branham had mentioned in some of his sermons, this group teaches that the *Rapture* has already taken place on a certain date.

## THREE PHASES: OPEN, REVEAL, FULFILL

Any Bible believer, who knows the Word of God well enough, should know that God had woven a certain *pattern* of numbers in His Bible. Many series of three, five, and seven events or things are recorded throughout the Bible. Similarly, there are **three phases** in each of the *Seven Seals* found on the *‘Seven Seals’ Scroll* for the accomplishment of God's purpose. They are the **OPENING** phase, the **REVEALING** phase, and the **FULFILLING** phase.

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Let me give an illustration. Let's suppose that you have never read a Bible. You have one in your hand. To you, it is a **closed** Book because you do not know what is written in the Book. Then you proceed to **open** the Book and turn to the first chapter of St. John and begin to read the first verse: "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God*". Now, you have just opened and read a part of the contents of the Bible. But, do you **understand** what you have just read? Do you have the **revelation** of the verse? If not, what you have read will remain a mystery to you. Hence, the contents must be **revealed** to you or else the **open** Bible is still as good as a **closed** Book to you. When they are **revealed** to you, you will begin to see the *purpose* of God as He brings about the **fulfillment** of His Word.

Now, **when** was the '**Seven Seals**' Book actually **opened**, and **by whom**?

It was certainly **not opened** in 1963 by William M. Branham. But the majority of his followers (the *Endtime Message* believers) believe otherwise. Unfortunately, their belief is *contrary* to the Scriptures. As we have noted in an earlier paragraph, it was none other than Jesus Christ Himself Who opened the **Seven Seals** after taking the sealed Book from the hand of the One sitting upon the Throne (Rev.5:5-10; 6:1,3,5,7,9,12; 8:1). The **Apostle John** was the **only earthly witness** to that event. When he was in exile on the Isle of Patmos, he was caught up in the Spirit (probably in 96 AD.) to **witness the OPENING of the Seven Seals by the Lord Jesus**. He was transported in the spirit (so to speak) to the future for a preview of the **endtime events** which will precede the closing of the *Grace Age* for man. Whatever were revealed to John in **symbols** then are now being revealed in the **real form** to the Bride of Christ in the Light of the revelation of God's Holy Word. (John is a type of the Endtime Bride of Christ, and the **Book of Revelation** was written specially to prepare her for that final hour.)

Now, **if** the **Seven Seals** were *not* opened at all, then John would have seen **nothing**, and he would **not** have recorded those symbols that were described after the breaking of each Seal. Though the **Seven Seals** were **opened in Heaven by Christ**, and the events recorded by John in the First Century, the **contents were never fully revealed** to the Church **until** this Endtime Age. Remember, John witnessed the *Four Horse Riders*, the *Souls under the Altar*, the *Great Earthquake in the Dreadful Day of the Lord*, and the *Silence in Heaven*. But, being in symbolic forms, all these were very little understood by Christians throughout the Church Ages even though some of the events were **fulfilled** in their time.

However, in **1963**, God **revealed** the mysteries which were hidden in each **OPEN Seal** to the Church through His *Seventh Church Age* Star-Messenger. Only then did we realize that the events described after the

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breaking of the **first four Seals** were historical events. However, the *spirits* of those four horses and their riders are still living today and will continue to live until their consummation in the *Day of the Lord*. The **Fifth Seal** has two parts. The first part was fulfilled in the Second World War, and the second will be fulfilled during the *Great Tribulation*. The **Sixth Seal** marks the end of the *Great Tribulation* prior to the return of Christ on the *Day of the Lord*.

### THE SEVENTH SEAL

Since it is recorded that **Christ Jesus had opened all the Seven Seals**, the **Seventh Seal cannot be an unopened Seal**. The Apostle John had witnessed the opening of the *Seventh Seal*. “*And when He had OPENED the seventh seal, there was SILENCE in heaven about the space of half an hour*” (Rev.8:1). This period of **SILENCE** in Heaven conceals a GREAT and IMPORTANT event that will take place on the Earth. When will it take place? Has it already taken place? Is it still ahead of us? Or, is it taking place now.

Now, we know that John saw Christ open all the **Seven Seals** in the vision when he was on the Isle of Patmos at the end of the First Century. As such, how could anyone believe that the **Seventh Seal** is still unopened and that it will only be opened just before the *Rapture* when Christ shall come for His Bride.

At this juncture I would like to point out that many ministers and believers have a *wrong* concept of the **Mercy Seat**. They teach and believe that once the *Seventh Seal* is opened, “*Christ (or His Blood) is off the Mercy Seat*”. This concept has no Scriptural foundation. It is, at best, only an idea of speculative theology. Some even have the notion that Jesus Christ is literally sitting on a Throne called the ‘*Mercy Seat*’ from which He will get up the very moment He has broken the *Seventh Seal*.

The term **Mercy Seat**, in the Biblical sense, refers to the act, the place, and the accomplishment of the atonement that is in Christ Jesus. The ‘*Mercy Seat*’ in the Old Testament was the top of the Ark, a lid of solid gold, where the blood of a sacrificed bullock was sprinkled once a year.

And, as far as the Gospel of Salvation is concerned, it does *not* necessarily mean that there will be no more mercy for the Jews when God stops showing His mercy to the Gentiles. God's work of redemption will *not* be over yet even when the *Grace Age* ends. In God's great Grace and Mercy, the Gospel will have to be preached to the Jews. As such, the Blood is still on the ‘*Mercy Seat*’. Remember, the **Seventh Seal will end all things** which include the redemption of the earth. Hence, God's mercy will be over *only* after the *Millennial Reign of Christ* when He will set fire

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to this earth to bring an end to all things and to bring forth a *New Heaven* and a *New Earth*.

I must again emphasize that all the *Seven Seals* had been opened as witnessed by John at the end of the First Century. Certain events described in some of the Seals were fulfilled even before they were fully revealed in 1963.

Chronologically, all the *Seven Seals* are rightly placed to end at the *Coming of Christ*. **Each Seal holds certain events which have to take place within a given space of time.** Though the *Seventh Seal* is the last Seal, the time for the fulfillment of this Seal has *already* begun. But its consummation is not yet complete. **THE MYSTERY HIDDEN IN THE SEVENTH SEAL CONCERNS THE COMING OF CHRIST.** It is a *three-fold* mystery. The *Coming of Christ* consists of several phases, which are the *PAROUSIA* of Christ, the *APOKALUPSIS* of Christ, and the *EPIPHANEIA* of Christ, first to the Bride at the *Rapture* and then to the world in the *Day of the Lord*. It began with the **COMING OF THE WORD** through the prophet (seer) of Malachi 4:6b, who is also the Angel (Messenger) of Revelation 3:14 and Revelation 10:7, to the True Church, and will end with Christ's Epiphany in the *Day of the Lord* when God shall execute His judgment upon the nations just before setting up His Kingdom on earth. The *Seventh Seal* shall bring an end to all things. Hence, the vision in Revelation 10 was a *preview* of the final events.

## HIS CLAIM

*"... and He set His right foot upon the sea, and His left foot on the earth,"*

*"The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein"* (Psm.24:1 cf. Isa.66:1a). Yes, the earth belongs to the Almighty God Who gave its title-deed to the first man, *first Adam*. But Adam lost his inheritance when he failed his test. As a result, the title-deed reverted to its Owner until a ***Kinsman Redeemer*** was found to redeem it. But while the Everlasting God waited for the arrival of the *Kinsman Redeemer*, the devil continued to further corrupt the world with his evil and so-called wisdom. By his deception, he is even worshipped as the god of this world. When the Kinsman Redeemer, the second man, *last Adam*, came forth to redeem, He overcame the devil and his works by laying down His life at Calvary and raising it up again. Hence, Jesus Christ bought the right to take the title-deed from the hand of the One sitting upon the Throne (Rev.5). He has the right to take back Eternal Life and the earth, and to restore man to the original position that he had fallen from. And the Seals were opened to show the *redeemed* Church the things

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that must transpire on earth before He would literally come to claim the earth and set up His Kingdom. And, Revelation 10 shows that the time has arrived for that fulfillment.

By placing His feet on the sea and on the land, He signified that He had come to claim the earth and all His possessions. Scripturally, the words 'sea' and 'land' connote 'Gentiles' and 'Jews' respectively. (See Isaiah 42:5-12; 23:2-11; 24:14.) **Notice that He placed His right foot first upon the sea and then His left foot upon the land.** (The word 'earth' in the K.J.V. version of the Bible is a mistranslation.) Placing His fiery right foot *first* upon the sea shows that He had come to the **Gentiles first to claim His Bride**. Scripturally, 'right' connotes the *Grace and Mercy* of God whereas 'left' connotes His *Judgment*. (See Matthew 25:31-46.) So, we see that the Grace of Christ is shown to the Gentiles as Christ comes to search for His elected few and reveal His **Presence** to them. His **Presence** brings an ***Illumination (Revelation) of His Word*** which *purges and purifies*, and *separates* the **True Believers** from the works of the devil in the systems of the churches today. Amen! God is rich in mercy to whom He will show mercy. But *judgment* is now upon the False Church and all her prostitute daughters. The Fire of God will soon consume them. (See Revelation 3:14-22 and Revelation 18.)

After the Bride is "caught away" (*raptured*) to the Grand *Marriage Supper of the Lamb* and when the last of the *Church Ages* has ended, Christ will turn to deal with the nation of Israel. He will *purge* her and claim as His own those **true seeds of Israel**. It will be a time of trouble. That's why the fiery left foot of the **Mighty Angel** was placed upon the land after He had placed His right foot upon the sea. Although they rejected the Messiah and His Gospel, the Jews have never been forsaken by God. But they will certainly have to *suffer* great trials and persecutions when they become converts to the Gospel of Jesus Christ which the *Two Witnesses* (of Revelation 11) shall preach to them. The time of their trouble is known as *Jacob's trouble* (Jer.30:7). It is the *Great Tribulation* mentioned by our Saviour in Matthew 24.

## THE CRY

*"And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not."*

It is said that when a lion roars in the jungle, its roar can be heard several miles away. All animals would hush to listen. The environment would become silent as the animals remain still and wait for something to

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happen because the king of the beasts has sounded his cry. And that was exactly what the Apostle John had observed in his vision. The **Mighty Angel**, having put his fiery feet upon the sea and land, gave a loud cry like the roar of a lion. Although John did not record what the cry was, we can deduce its significance from verses 5, 6 and 7. The phrase “*as when a lion roareth*” signifies that the **Mighty Angel** had proclaimed Himself as the **RIGHTFUL KING** of the whole earth and had come to *claim* His rights over it. He had fought well and had paid the price for it. [Note: Contrary to some views, this verse and the whole context of Revelation 10 do not in anyway indicate that the **Mighty Angel** descended as the Lion of the tribe of Judah.]

Now, after the mighty leonine cry, the **SEVEN THUNDERS**, which were on the earth in John's vision, *uttered their VOICES*. John *heard* the *utterances* of the **Seven Thunders**. However, a Voice from Heaven forbade him to write down what he had heard. God has a reason in *sealing up* those *utterances*. God's Star-Messenger, William Branham, said that it was God's purpose to keep Satan from knowing what those *utterances* were because he was *an impersonator* and would certainly cause great damage if he knew the *secret*. It is true that the Elect of God cannot be deceived. But we know what Satan can do when he distorts a Truth. Churches would split and members would fight each other over the ‘*teaching*’. Some would get frustrated while others would backslide. Those who believe the lie would find themselves hard to regain their footing. Hence, there was *silence* in Heaven for about half an hour when the *Seventh Seal* was opened. Satan could not do a thing. Amen!

The “*silence in heaven*” after the opening of the *Seventh Seal* (Rev.8:1) **contains the revelation of the events of the Coming of Christ**. The revelation of the events is hidden in Revelation 10, that is, the **Mighty Angel** coming down from Heaven to claim His own and everything that He has redeemed! This revelation, though hidden from the world, is *being unfolded* to the Bride of Christ.

Now, the revelation of the “*things which the seven thunders uttered*” on earth, but were sealed up, is in the *Seventh Seal*. **The voices of the Seven Thunders are only A PART of the THREE-FOLD MYSTERY of the SEVENTH SEAL**. The Bride *needs* to know what the *Seven Thunders* had uttered and she will certainly get to know them. Since John, being a type of the Bride, the Beloved of the Lord, had heard the *voices uttered* by the *Seven Thunders* on earth, **the Bride will certainly get that great revelation of the VOICES of the Seven Thunders just before the Lord appears in the air to take her away**.

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However, before the Bride can **hear** the *VOICES* of the *Seven Thunders*, she will have to know what or who the *Seven Thunders* are. There has been much speculation about the *Seven Thunders*. Without a spirit of reverence to God's Inspired Written Word and the wisdom to rightly divide the Word of Truth, many *Endtime Message* believers have merely quoted the statements of Brother Branham to say that the *SEVEN THUNDERS* were the *SEVEN SEALS* when they were *opened*, or *revealed* (depending on their understanding of the two words). But, it is **not recorded** in the Holy Scriptures that a **thundering noise** was heard by John **when each seal was opened**, or when each of them was revealed, in 1963. In fact, the Apostle John did **not** hear *Seven Voices of Thunders*, he heard **only one** “noise of thunder” “when the Lamb OPENED ONE of the seals” at the close of the First Century (Rev.6:1). This “noise of thunder” was reflected on earth in February 1963 over Arizona, U.S.A. just before Christ gave the REVELATION of the *Seven Seals* to the Church through His servant, William Branham. Hence, the **voices** of the *Seven Thunders* were **not** the **sounding forth**, nor the **opening**, of the Seven Seals.

There are also some who believe and teach that the *SEVEN THUNDERS* are the *SEVEN VIRTUES* of Christ (2 Pet.1:5-7) which all True Believers of Christ must ‘thunder forth’ in their lives to manifest that they are the children of God. This teaching is concocted from some statements taken from some sermons of the *Seventh Church Age Messenger*.

Regardless of what have been taught about the *Seven Thunders*, the Truth can only be found in the Holy Scriptures which is the foundation of our faith. God is in His Word, and whatever is written for His Bride, it will surely be revealed to her. Amen.

## THE SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD

Now, it is recorded in the *Book of Revelation* that there was only one group of *SEVEN SPIRITS* (Grk: *Pneuma*) of God before the Throne of God. Read Revelation 1:4-5. They were *not* seven other Gods besides the ETERNAL “*I Am That I Am*”. (The number “seven” refers to spiritual perfection.) Note carefully the three greetings in those two verses. The first is the greeting “*from Him which is, which was, and which is to come*”, Who is the “*I Am That I Am*”, the Almighty Spirit Himself. The second is “*from the Seven Spirits which are before His Throne*”, and the third is “*from Jesus Christ*”.

The two-fold prophecy of Zechariah (in Zech.4), concerning the House of God, the golden lampstand of seven lamps and the two olive trees, reveals that the *Seven Spirits* are the “*eyes of the Lord, which run to and fro through the whole earth*” as they rejoice to see the “*plummet in the*



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*hand of Zerubbabel*". (Zerubbabel was the appointed governor in post-exilic Jerusalem under the rule of Darius I of Persia. Together with the High Priest Joshua, he led in the reconstruction of the Temple. Zerubbabel types Christ as the Chief Administrator. The plummet is the authority of the Almighty God.) This prophecy of Zechariah points to the days when Christ Jesus would become the **AUTHORITY of God**, and the **Seven Spirits** would rejoice when they shall be assigned to work with Him in the building of the Spiritual Temple (Church) of God as well as the 'Millennial' Temple for the *Age of Regeneration* when Christ shall reign.

When John first saw these **SEVEN SPIRITS**, they were before the Throne of God (Rev.1:4). They were like **Seven Lamps of Fire burning** before the Throne (Rev.4:5). Notice: before they were assigned any task, the **Seven Spirits** did not have any specific identity except their divine status and nature. However, in their first assignment, they took the form of **Seven Angels** (Grk: *Aggelos*) to the Seven Church Ages. They were the **Seven Stars** in the right hand of the Son of Man, the High Priest and Supreme Judge, Who walked in the midst of the **Seven Golden Candlesticks** (Rev.1:16,20). Through the earthly **Seven Church Age Messengers**, the **Seven Stars** had kept the *Lamps* (Churches) of Truth and Faith burning for the Word of God to shine in their respective ages. Therefore, being the **Seven Lamps of Fire burning** before God's Throne, they were also the **Seven Golden Candlesticks**.

Each time the **Seven Spirits** took on a *different task*, they assumed a *different identity* according to the role of the One (in Whose hand was the plummet of God) Whom they were working with. In Revelation 5:6, the **Seven Spirits** are identified with the Lamb as its "**Seven Horns and Seven Eyes**". The Lamb of God, as we know, is none other than Jesus Christ in His role as the Saviour. Having "**Seven Horns and Seven Eyes**" do not make the Lamb of God a freak. It is merely the language of the Spirit to describe the **Seven Spirits** as being a part of the Lamb as He works through them throughout the **Seven Church Ages** of Grace.

The **Seven Horns** denote the seven-fold **Perfect Power** (Omnipotence) of the Lamb, and the **Seven Eyes** show His **Perfect Knowledge** (Omniscience). Hence, the **Seven Horns and Seven Eyes** together show that the Lamb is **ALL-POWERFUL** to redeem the household of God, besides possessing **PERFECT KNOWLEDGE** to mete out perfect justice to all who dwell upon the earth. The **Seven Redemptive Names of YAHWEH** of the *Old Testament* are manifested in the Lamb of God of the New Testament as He works throughout the *Seven Church Ages*. As Revelation 5 shows, the **Lamb with Seven Horns and Seven Eyes** is truly worthy to take the *Sealed Book of Redemption* and to **break open** its *Seven Seals*. And in 1963, the **SEVEN SPIRITS**, in a constellation of

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*SEVEN ANGELS*, came to meet William Branham on a mountain in Arizona, U.S.A. and told him to return East to his home in Indiana, where each of them would **unfold** to him the *REVELATION of the SEVEN OPEN SEALS*. This REVELATION was then shown to the Church.

Here in Revelation 10 we still find the same *SEVEN SPIRITS* with Jesus Christ as He takes the role of the *MIGHTY ANGEL OF THE CONVENANT* descending from Heaven. As Christ changes His role, they too assume a different role. They are now the *SEVEN THUNDERS*. Notice closely: **each of them has a VOICE!**

## VOICES

In the *Book of Revelation*, the *SEVEN SPIRITS* assume a total of **SEVEN DIFFERENT ROLES**. In their assignments, they have been identified as:

- 1) *SEVEN STARS* in the right hand of the *HIGH PRIEST and JUDGE*  
Who walks in the midst of the Seven Golden Candlesticks,
- 2) *SEVEN LAMPS BURNING* on the *CANDLESTICK*,
- 3) *SEVEN SEALS* on the backside of the *SEALED-BOOK* in the right hand of the Almighty,
- 4) *SEVEN HORNS and SEVEN EYES* on the *LAMB*,
- 5) *SEVEN THUNDERS* with the *MIGHTY ANGEL*,
- 6) *SEVEN TRUMPETS* which will sound after the *Rapture* of the Bride, and,
- 7) *SEVEN VIALS* of God's Wrath which will be poured out upon the earth between the closing of the *Great Tribulation* and the *Day of the Lord*.

And in two of their seven jobs, as the *SEVEN STARS* and the *SEVEN THUNDERS*, their (audible) *VOICES* are heard by the True Worshipers of God.

Every Christian knows that God works with, and through, men. God's messengers (both in the *Old and New Testaments*) were a special breed of men whom God had chosen to carry out certain special tasks. The Word of God was given them to be **voiced** to the people of Israel and the Church. Thus, the *VOICES* of the **messengers** were the **sounding** of the **MESSAGES** of God.

Now, when the *VOICES* of the men of God are sounded to the people, they do not always deal with teachings or doctrinal truths of God. The Word is sometimes given to correct a certain misconception or to give specific instruction for a certain purpose.

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Throughout the *Seven Church Ages*, the *SEVEN SPIRITS* ministered as the *SEVEN STARS* and the *SEVEN LAMPS* (upon the *LAMPSTAND*). Individually they *represented*, and *ministered to*, each of the *SEVEN MEN* of God who were chosen to be the *STAR-MESSENGERS* to the seven successive Church Ages. Their duty was to keep the Church in line with the Truth. Because the *SEVEN SPIRITS* stood before the Throne of God as *SEVEN LAMPS BURNING*, the *SEVEN MESSENGERS* only spoke “*what THE SPIRIT SAITH unto the churches*” (Rev.2-3). Hence, in each Church Age the *VOICE of the SPIRIT*, which represented that particular age, was **heard** as his **MESSAGE SOUNDED forth** through the mouthpiece of the Star-Messenger to the Church. And after that Star-Messenger was taken off the scene, that *same SPIRIT* to the age would not only *keep the LAMP of Truth BURNING* in the lives of the saints who had the Light of God's Life and Love, but also to *provide LIGHT* for that period of time.

Now, have not the *SEVEN STARS* uttered their *VOICES* in their respective Church Ages? And were not *their VOICES* **distinct**? Yes. So will be the *VOICES of the SEVEN THUNDERS*. If the *SEVEN STARS* were *SEVEN ANOINTED MEN of God*, so will be the *SEVEN THUNDERS*. However, **THE SEVEN THUNDERS WILL UTTER THEIR VOICES CLOSE TOGETHER** only at the close of the *Grace Age* after the *Mighty Angel of The Covenant* has *descended* to earth with a *SHOUT*, and just before the *SOON APPEARING* of the Lord Jesus to His Bride (cf. Rev.10:1,3). **Their VOICES will be heard by the Bride of Christ as the FINAL CALL of God within a very short space of time.**

[Notice: As recorded in the *Book of Revelation*, the Apostle John received *three greetings* of Grace and Peace which were to be delivered to the seven churches on earth. (See Rev.1:4,5.) These greetings came together to the Beloved Apostle from the *voices* of the *Eternal Spirit*, the *Seven Spirits*, and *Jesus Christ* in Heaven just before he was given the seven prophetic letters to the seven churches in Asia Minor and also shown their spiritual conditions. At the *closing* of the Church Ages (Rev.10), John once again heard the *three voices* uttering together. How appropriate, for the Almighty is truly the Alpha and the Omega. However, the *voices* of Jesus Christ (Who was seen in the role of the *Mighty Angel*) and the Seven Spirits (which were seen in the role of the *Seven Thunders*) were heard (uttered) on earth. This clearly shows that the **distinct** and **audible** utterances of *the voices of the Seven Thunders*, which John heard but were sealed up, will be heard by the Bride.]

## SEVEN MEN

Having studied all the relevant portions of the Scriptures, I can say without a shadow of doubt that the *SEVEN THUNDERS* represent

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**SEVEN MEN** whom the **SEVEN SPIRITS** will *identify with* and *work through* just *before* the *Rapture* of the True Church. The **VOICES** of the **Seven Thunders** will be heard by every True Believer of Christ. It will be the sounding of the **LAST TRUMP** of God to the Word-Bride to bring about a change in her Body for her to meet her Word-Groom in the air, and be whisked home to His Father's House for the Grand *Marriage Supper of the Lamb*.

REMEMBER, there is only one group of **SEVEN SPIRITS** of God, and they are assigned to *seven different roles*. (Note the seven “seven”.) **Five roles** are played during the **Dispensation of Grace** and **two roles** will be played during the *70th Week of Daniel* which will begin after the Church is raptured. Their first assignment was to identify with – and *utter their VOICES* through – the **SEVEN ANGELS** to the *Seven Church Ages*. They are called **STARS**. At the closing of the *Seven Church Ages*, they will appear as the **SEVEN THUNDERS** to *utter their VOICES* which will be heard and understood by the Bride only. No, the *Seven Star-Messengers* will **not** be resurrected to appear as the *Seven Thunders*. **The Seven Thunders are not the Seven Stars**. As their *identities* are different, so are their ministries. Each of the *Seven Stars* has his own specific **MESSAGE**, which deals with the **WORD**, and which is for his respective Church Age to keep the *Lamp of God* burning in the Church (Rev.2-3). **The Seven Stars are Church Age Messengers**. **The Seven Thunders are not**; they are *just seven chosen endtime servants of God* who are **anointed** to *utter their voices* in respect of the **Seventh Seal**. (The *voices* of the **Seven Thunders** cannot be the *voice(s)* of the **Five-Fold Ministry**. Remember the number “seven”. There are **SEVEN Voices**.)

When the Apostle John saw the **Seven Thunders** in his vision, he also heard *their voices* but he was forbidden to write down what he had heard. The reason, as we know, is to keep it a secret from Satan who has always been an impersonator and a trouble-maker of God's plan and purpose. As such, **this MYSTERY has yet to be revealed**. It will be revealed to the elect of Christ in due course. **It will be revealed at about the time when the Lord Jesus shall appear to catch away His Bride**. **When the Seven Thunders shall UTTER THEIR VOICES**, it will be the final ‘reveille’ of God to the Bride. **It will be the LAST TRUMP of God to her**. “*And the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord*” (1Thess.4:16b-17, cf. 1Cor.15:52). Amen!

*Then awake, ye saints of the Lord,  
Why slumber when the end is nearing.  
But get ready for the final call!*

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### TIME

Time has been ordered and designed by God since the heavens and the earth were created. It was originally designed to regulate the life cycle of all His creations. But after the Fall of man, time has become the measuring rod which measures the life and existence of man against the infinite and immense universe. Since time immemorial, man has always felt that TIME is on his hands as he continues to dream and search for Utopia. To the True Believers of God, the dream will soon become a reality because that ***Mighty Angel*** of Revelation 10 has sworn (unto the Creator) that ***time should no longer delay*** the completion of the work of redemption and the execution of judgment upon the earth. According to God's Prophetic Hourglass, the countdown for this event has begun and it will culminate in His Son's Return to judge the world. This great event will come as a shocking surprise to the majority of people all over the world. It will be welcome only by a very small group of people who are the elect of God. Many people would either wish that they had died or that they had been more watchful and prayerful. However, as much as they would wish, everything would be irreversible by then.

### TIME SHOULD NO LONGER TARRY

Now, from the prophecies in the Bible, we know that after the *Rapture* of the Bride, the Gospel will be returned to the Jews. But according to **THE VISION of the Final Events** in Revelation 10, John did not see the closing of the *Gentile Age* after the ***Seven Thunders*** had uttered their ***voices***. He was told by a ***voice*** from Heaven not to write down what the ***Seven Thunders*** had uttered. Logically, the *Gentile Age* should end then so that the Gospel might again be preached to the Jews by the *Two Witnesses* (Rev.11). However, he said:

*“And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the land lifted up his hand to heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:”*

Looking closely at Revelation 10 one cannot help but notice that the ***Prophetic Time and Events in this vision*** were sort of ‘interrupted’ when the Apostle John was told by the *voice* from Heaven not to write down what the ***Seven Thunders*** had ***uttered***. In reality, the *Prophetic Time and Events* did not stop but ***in this vision*** of John they were sort of ‘being held in abeyance’. This *state of suspension* is just like a parenthesis that is being inserted to show the Bible reader something important.

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Because of the nature of the events, the whole chapter of Revelation 10 can be separated into *two main divisions*. Verses 1 to 4 form the first division and verses 5 to 11 form the second division.

The vision in the second division actually provides the true believers a bearing on how **the Final Events** will literally be accomplished in full. This division, in itself, can further be divided into *three separate parts* — verses 5-6, verse 7 and verses 8-11. The three parts should be correctly understood in order to get the correct revelation of the whole chapter of Revelation 10.

Now, after the **voice** from Heaven told John to “*seal up those things which the Seven Thunders uttered, and write them not*”, the **Mighty Angel** raised His right hand to heaven, and swore in the Name of the Creator of Heaven and the Earth, and said: “***There should be time no longer!***”.

Why did the **Mighty Angel** do that? And what did he mean when He said that “*there should be time no longer*”?

The answers are found within Revelation 10 itself. **According to THE VISION**, the **Mighty Angel** had already made His **claim** of the Earth when He **descended** from Heaven. But because **John was not permitted to record the revelation of the Seven Thunders**, the *Prophetic Time and Events* were sort of ‘suspended’, and the claim of the **Mighty Angel** was *not* realized. Hence, the **Mighty Angel** swore by the Creator that “*there should be time no longer*”.

The sentence “***THERE SHOULD BE TIME NO LONGER***” would be better translated or paraphrased as “***TIME SHOULD NO LONGER TARRY***” or “***TIME SHOULD NO LONGER DELAY OR RESPITE***”. [Some translations render it as “***TIME SHOULD NOT INTERVENE***” or “***THE TIME OF WAITING IS OVER***”.] This would give us a better understanding that the **Mighty Angel** was proclaiming that **TIME SHOULD NOT DELAY THE REALIZATION OF HIS CLAIM OF THE EARTH**. Per se, the time allotted for the preaching of the Gospel of Salvation to the Gentiles will have to end first before the Gospel can be returned to the children of Israel. And beloved, we do not have to wait very long for those **Seven Thunders** to *utter* their **voices** and *transform* the Bride before her home-going to the *Marriage Supper of the Lamb*. **However, a question arises: HOW DO WE KNOW THE TIMES AND THE SEASONS THAT THESE PROPHETIC EVENTS WOULD TAKE PLACE?**

## TIMES AND SEASONS

The oath of the **Mighty Angel** provides the answer to that question:

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*“There should be time no longer: BUT IN THE DAYS OF THE VOICE OF THE SEVENTH ANGEL, WHEN HE SHALL BEGIN TO SOUND, THE MYSTERY OF GOD SHOULD BE FINISHED, AS HE HAD DECLARED TO HIS SERVANTS THE PROPHETS.”*

Yes, “*IN THE DAYS*” of the ministry of the *Seventh Angel* (to the *Laodicean Church Age*) when he shall begin to *sound forth his voice* — **his message** — the “*Mystery of God*”, which He had made known to His prophets of old, should (ought to) be finished (accomplished, fulfilled). And when that happens, *time shall no longer delay* the return of the Lord's Christ.

In his first letter to the Thessalonian believers, concerning the *Coming of the Lord* (see chapters 4 and 5), Paul said that there was no need for him to write about the precise times and seasons when that event would take place because they were **children of light** and that that day should not overtake them like a thief coming upon them by surprise in the night. Being sober and watchful they would surely know when it would take place.

Paul's admonition is certainly applicable to the present generation which will see the *Second Advent of Christ*. This is the very time and season that every true child of God, who walks in the Light of God's Word, will not only witness the visitation of God but also feel His **PAROUSIA** — His PRESENCE, His COMING — **which will hasten the Day of the Lord**.

The **clear message** *sounded (uttered)* by the *Seventh Church Age* Messenger **marked the beginning of the times and the seasons when the “Mystery of God” would be brought to a close** (finished, accomplished, fulfilled). For in sounding forth that Message, the Star-Messenger was actually giving forth a **SHOUT**, a **MIDNIGHT CRY** — “*Behold the Bridegroom cometh! Come ye out to meet Him!*” (1Thess.4:16; Matt.25:6).

### “MYSTERY OF GOD” — “GRAFTING OF THE GENTILES”

What is the “*Mystery of God*” in Revelation 10:7? Many followers of the Message of the hour believe that it refers to all the (prophetic and spiritual) MYSTERIES contained in the Bible. Others believe that it is the doctrine on how God became a man.

The “*Mystery of God*” is actually hinted in the *Old Testament*. It has been wrapped in mystery in the prophecies, by the prophets, on how God would show His Mercy to the Gentiles. In the *New Testament*, Paul revealed that God had made known to him this mystery, which was hid before the foundation of the world, “*that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ by the*

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*Gospel*" (Eph.3:6). Hence, the "**Mystery of God**" is the period of time which God had allocated for the *grafting of the Gentiles into His Promised Word* just as He had declared to His servants, the (*Old Testament*) prophets. Read Romans 9:6-8; 16:25-26; Ephesians 2:11-3:11; Genesis 12,15,17; Isaiah 42:6; 49:6; 60:3; Galatians 3:16-18.

Now, the purpose of that precious **message** of the *Seventh Church Age* Messenger is to **separate** the Wheat from the Tares, and the True Believers from the Make-believers and Unbelievers. (Read Matthew 13.) It aims to lead the Elect out of darkness and out of the bondage of the world and its religious systems into God's Divine Word. The religious systems of the *Mother Harlot and her Daughters* (*Catholicism and all 'isms' associated with her – Protestantism, Pentecostalism, Charismaticism, Ecumenism, etc.*) have already been judged when they rejected the Truth. By and by, they will "*become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird*" (Rev.18:2). And as the true elected members of the Body of Christ are being gathered into the WORD, the "**Mystery of God**" (which is the *Dispensation of Grace*) shall be drawn to a close. So, the "**Mystery of God**" **should be** (*not is*) finished. Yes, the grafting of the wild olive tree should be accomplished. And "*until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in*" the Gospel cannot be returned to Israel. (Read Romans 11.)

[Note: It is clear that in the "**Mystery of God**" the Gentile Church has become a part of *THE COVENANT* which God had made with Abraham, and which He had declared unto His *Old Testament* prophets. So, would anyone dare to deny that the Lord Jesus Christ, in His role as the *MIGHTY ANGEL OF THE COVENANT* (of Revelation 10), has no relationship with the Gentile Bride?]

### "IN THE DAYS OF THE VOICE OF THE SEVENTH ANGEL"

Having established the identity of the *Mighty Angel*, we have come to understand that THE VISION of Revelation 10 is a vision of **the Final Events** which would take place at the closing of the *Church Ages* before the beginning of the *70th Week of Daniel*, during which time God will deal with the Jews. Besides the revelation that the Mighty Angel is Christ, Who will come and claim His right to the Earth, we also know that the *Seventh Angel* is the last *Church Age* Messenger (Rev.10:7). This further *proves* that the vision relates to the 'last days' of the *Church Ages*.

We shall now take a look at the *Seventh Angel* of Revelation 10:7. Those who understand **Malachi 4:5-6** would recognize that the 'Elijah' (a Prophet-Seer), who fulfilled the second half of that dual prophecy – "*to turn the heart* (faith) *of the children* (of God) *to their* (apostolic)



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*fathers*” — was also the *Seventh Angel* (Grk: *Aggelos* — Messenger) to the *Laodicean Church Age* recorded in Revelation 3:14. And the late William Marrion Branham was that Prophet-Seer and Star-Messenger of God.

However, there are some who have not come to grips with the fact that the *Seventh Angel* of **Revelation 10:7** was also that same Star-Messenger. They are confused by the words “*to sound*” (in the said verse) which give the impression that the *Seventh Angel* is the *Seventh Trumpeting Angel* of Revelation 11:15 who is sounding his trumpet. Well, he is not. Though the verb “*to sound*” (Grk: *salpizo* — to trump) seems to refer to the sounding of a trumpet, the phrase “*the VOICE of the Seventh Angel*” clearly points to the *UTTERANCE* of the Seventh Messenger. The word “*voice*” comes from the Greek word “*phone*”. It means “*a sound, noise, voice that is uttered; an address, saying or language*”. Simply, “*the VOICE of the Seventh Angel*” is the *ADDRESS* (or the *SAYING*) of the *Seventh Church Age Messenger*. The sounding of his message is likened to a trumpet which is being blown to call for an audience. (See example in Matthew 6:2.) **The *Seventh Trumpeting Angel* has NO voice** (Grk: *phone*), **but only a trumpet** (Grk: *salpinx*). [Note: Undoubtedly, there is a parallel in the *Seventh Church Age Angel* uttering his voice and the *Seventh Trumpeting Angel* blowing his trumpet. The former deals with the *Church*, while the latter deals with *Israel*. But, both also wind up an age to usher in the Reign of Christ.]

Personally, I believe that without the ministry of the *Seventh Angel* (Messenger), William Branham, many Christians today will never know the times and seasons when the Lord Jesus Christ will return. O certainly the denominational faithful could make guesses by looking at certain signs and prophecies of Scriptures. But when we come to realize who he was, we definitely have a clearer understanding of the actual time and season that the Lord will return. As a man sent from God with a message to this generation, his ministry manifested the ‘*sign of the Messiah*’ and brought back “*one of the days of the Son of man*” as prophesied by the Lord Jesus Himself. (Read Luke 17:22-30.)

## THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

*“And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the land. And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.*”

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*And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings."*

This is the third part of the second division of Revelation 10. The **Voice** which spoke to John from Heaven was that of the **Eternal Spirit**. Up to that stage of the vision John had already seen and heard all that he was supposed to see and hear. When the Voice from Heaven spoke to John again, there was actually a mystery hidden in all that He was telling John to do.

John was transported in the spirit into the future and shown all those visions. Prophetically, he *types* the Endtime Living Bride who will not only be *raptured* but will also **see** and **understand** the **revelation** of what John had seen. John was also told by the Voice of the Eternal Spirit to take the "*little open book*" from the hand of the **Mighty Angel** and eat it. This clearly shows that he *types* the Endtime Bride who is willing to obey the Voice of the Eternal Spirit and eat of the **Book of Life**.

Remember, the "*little book*" is the title-deed to the possession of the earth and Eternal Life. And Christ has paid the full price for the right to that book which is now opened in his hand. Spiritually, it is the **Book of Redemption**, the **Book of Life**. It is the **Original Word of God**, the **Word of Life**, which is **NOW fully opened up and being revealed to His Bride** as the **Age of Redemption** quickly draws to a close.

Notice that the OPEN BOOK was in the HAND of the Angel of the Covenant. Upon God's instruction John went up to Him and asked, "*Give it to me.*" And it was given to him. This proves God's Promise, that He will give to anyone who asks, to be true, especially regarding the "*eating*" of His Revealed Word. Notice also that the OPEN BOOK was handed to John by the One who is the Life of the Bride. Hence, it is the **Mighty Angel of the Covenant**, Christ Himself in Angelic form, Who is dishing out the Truth, the Original WORD of God, and the Revealed Word of Life for the hour to the Bride. Amen! **The WORD OF GOD giving out the Word of God!** He said:

*"Take it, and eat it up: and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey."*

Yes, the Word of Life will provide a delightful spiritual manna of Revelation and Truth to the hungry Bride of Christ. It will give her a pleasant enlightenment as she receives It. But when It gets into the inner being of her soul and spirit where It is being **digested** and **assimilated**, she will feel totally **unpleasant** and **uncomfortable**. The reason is that once the **Revealed WORD** is spiritually assimilated in her life it will bring about a complete work of perfection in her whole spiritual being. The **Digested WORD** will automatically counteract every 'poisonous'

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thought, deed or belief within her. The purpose of the process is to restore her to the **original standing** that she had held when she first started off on the Day of Pentecost.

The spirit of 'People's rights' is prevalent in this present age. Like the people of the world, Christians too are going their own ways. But the True Believers and Worshippers of God will follow **God's Way, God's Leadership**, even if it means having to swallow their 'self' pride. Since they have been led out of the man-made systems, by the voice of the *Seventh Angel*, and placed back into the WORD, they will now have to 'clean house' and get strictly in line with the WORD. "*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by EVERY WORD that proceedeth out of the mouth of God*" (Matt.4:4). They should now literally live by this verse just as the *Mighty Angel* had told John to "*EAT UP THE BOOK*". That's right, **eat the Whole BOOK!**

However, who will be feeding the Bride of Christ with the Whole Word of God when the *Seventh Church Age* Messenger has already been called home?

The answer lies in the last verse of the third part of the second division of Revelation 10.

## ...AND HER MINISTRY

As the Body of Christ, the Bride has a Ministry. John was told that he "*must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings*". This clearly shows that the Bride will manifest her ministry. John is a *type* of the Endtime Bride who has a **True Ministry — the Ministry of the Ascension Gifts of Jesus Christ** (Eph.4:1-16).

The statement of Revelation 10:11 is undoubtedly a *dual prophecy*. The scope of that statement is prophetically for our days though John probably did prophesy for a few years upon his release from exile.

The '**Ascension Gifts**' Ministry is commonly called the **Five-Fold Ministry**. This ministry had not been able to achieve its purpose (as described by Paul in Ephesians 4:12-16) during the past *Church Ages* because the Church, having fallen deeply into error, had not been restored back to the Original Word. Of course, according to God's plan, it was not time yet for the restoration then. So, until the Church is restored to the Original Word the True Five-Fold Ministry will not be in full operation.

However, **now that the Elect is called back to the Original Word, the perfecting of the True Church by the Five-Fold Ministry is now being fulfilled**. Christ will perfect His Bride by the gifts He has set in the Body of True Believers.

Answering a question put forth to him during a meeting, Brother Branham said, "*Would the Bride of Christ have a ministry before the*

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*Rapture? Sure. That's what's going on right now. Certainly! It is the Message of the hour. And the Bride of Christ consists of Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers. Is that right? That's the Bride of Christ, she's got a ministry – a great ministry – the ministry of the hour. It'll be so humble...”*

### PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER

Now that we have an understanding of each of the three parts of Revelation 10:5-11 we can piece them together with Revelation 10:1-4 and see the overall events that are taking place in this final hour of the closing age of Laodicea.

The ***Mighty Angel*** descending to earth is **not** the *Rapture* nor the *Return of Christ on Mount Olivet* but the *Mysterious Coming of Christ in Spiritual (Word) form*. By divine revelation, we have identified the ***Mighty Angel*** as the personification of Jesus Christ in Angelic form.

Again, let me emphasize: **Revelation 10 is the MYSTERIOUS COMING of Christ in Angelic form. It is *not* Christ's return to Israel on Mount Olivet or His coming in the *Rapture*.** The former teaching is based upon the wrong notion that the title '*Angel of the Covenant*' relates only to Israel and never to the Gentiles. This teaching is false as we have already established. On the other hand, the latter teaching is based upon the '*fact*' that the *Seventh Seal* is first seen opened in chapter 8 before Christ comes bodily for His Church in chapter 10. Both teachings are based on the wrong idea that the *Seven Seals* are opened in this age. The Truth is that **the opening of the *Seven Seals* took place in Apostle John's days** but **the *Revelation* of the (open) *Seven Seals* took place in our days**. Remember, there is an *opening*, a *revealing* and a *fulfilling* of the *Seals*.

As I have also mentioned before, the **Second Advent of Christ**, like His **First Advent**, will take place within ***a given space of time***. During this period the PRESENCE (Grk: *PAROUSIA*, sometimes translated as COMING) of CHRIST will be unfolded to the Chosen few as He comes in WORD FORM to make Himself known to them. This REVELATION (Grk: *APOKALUPSIS*) of CHRIST THE WORD to the Bride will precede His GLORIOUS PHYSICAL APPEARING (Grk: *EPIPHANEIA*) to meet her in the air. So, in His **Second Advent**, CHRIST would first DESCEND from Heaven to the Earth in Word (Spiritual) form as He was revealed in Angelic (Word) form in John's vision.

The DESCENT of the ***Mighty Angel*** from Heaven to the Earth involved *a period of time*. And, it was during this period that the ***SHOUT*** of 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 was first uttered by the *Seventh Church Age* Messenger to call the Elect out of Satan's worldly and religious systems of deception, 'darkness' and 'bondage'. The ***SHOUT*** message is the first of

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the three phases in the **Second Advent of Christ** to earth. The other two are the **VOICE OF THE ARCHANGEL**, and the **LAST TRUMP**.

We have to look into what the late William Branham said about the various phases of the **Second Advent of Christ** in order to understand the three-fold mystery that is in the *Seventh Seal* in relation to Revelation 10. The *Seventh Seal* deals with **the Coming of Christ**, and Revelation 10 forms a great part of the *Seventh Seal*. It deals with **the Final Events** which will transpire before the Gospel would be returned to the Jews. We shall now make a **comparison** of what the late William Branham had said with the revelation of the Apostle Paul, the *First Church Age* Messenger, as recorded in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 and 1 Corinthians 15:51-53 so that the whole picture can be viewed clearly and correctly.

### THE THREE-FOLD MYSTERY OF THE SEVENTH SEAL

To the *Endtime Message* believers the *Seventh Seal* is commonly known as the '*Endtime Seal*' or the '*End of Time Seal*' because this is the seal which would bring about an end to all things. As with all the other Seals, this one also *covers a period of time*.

In his sermon on the '**THE SEVENTH SEAL**' (see pages 557, 568, 575 and 576), Brother Branham said that this seal had a three-fold mystery, one of which was the mystery of the **Seven Thunders**. He compared this Seal with the Sixth, and referred to Matthew 24 where he quoted what Jesus said, concerning His Coming of which only God Himself knew, and said, "*No wonder, it wasn't even written. You see, they hushed... nothing taken place then. Angels don't know it; NOBODY KNOWS WHEN HE'S COMING. BUT THERE'LL BE SEVEN VOICES OF THESE THUNDERS THAT WILL REVEAL THE GREAT REVELATION AT THAT TIME. So, I believe... if we don't know it, and it won't be known till that time. But it will be revealed in that day, in that hour that it's supposed to be revealed in. So, the thing for us to do is to be reverent before God and serve Him, and do all that we know how to do, and live good Christian lives.*"

This is clearly what Brother William Branham had taught, that Revelation 10 deals with the **Coming of Christ**. The declaration of the **Mighty Angel** in the same chapter also points to His Coming. And the **Seventh Seal** is about His Coming.

In his first epistle to the Thessalonian believers, the Apostle Paul wrote that the **Coming of Christ** would be in **three phases**. He declared: "*For the Lord Himself shall DESCEND from Heaven with A SHOUT, with THE VOICE OF THE ARCHANGEL, and with THE TRUMP OF GOD...*" (1 Thess.4:16). Simply, Christ shall descend from Heaven with

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**A SHOUT** to be followed by **THE VOICE OF THE ARCHANGEL** and **THE TRUMP OF GOD** (or **THE LAST TRUMP** as stated in 1 Corinthians 15:52). After the sounding of **THE LAST TRUMP**, the bodies of both the dead and living saints will be transformed before they shall meet the Lord in the air.

**Meditate** upon it for awhile. If the *voices* of the **Seven Thunders** are a part of the three-fold mystery of the *Seventh Seal*, and if the SHOUT of 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 is the message of the *Seventh Church Age* Messenger, while the LAST TRUMP of 1 Corinthians 15:51-53 is the bodily change of the dead and living saints just before the *Rapture*, then the *Seventh Seal*, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17, and 1 Corinthians 15:51-53 must all be related to the same event — the **Second Advent of Christ**.

Therefore the three-fold mystery of the *Seventh Seal* is actually the three-fold mystery of the Coming of Christ for his Bride as revealed by Apostle Paul in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17. The mystery of the **SHOUT**, the **VOICE OF THE ARCHANGEL**, and the **(LAST) TRUMP OF GOD** in this passage of Scriptures will always remain a mystery to the nominal Christians who have always believed that Jesus will suddenly appear, without any warning, to give an angelic shout and a trumpeting sound, and take them to the *Marriage Supper of the Lamb*. But the Bride knows that the Coming of Her Bridegroom covers a period of time (as in the Ancient Oriental Marriage Customs and Traditions), when the Word would first pave the way for the Bridegroom and prepare the Bride, to make her ready, for the Bridegroom to receive her in marriage. Then after a period of nuptial bliss, the Bridegroom would take His Wife to His Father's House for the Grand Wedding Feast.

## ANCIENT WEDDING CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS

In order to have a clear picture of Christ's Second Advent, we must have an understanding of the Ancient Oriental Wedding Customs and Traditions. In Ancient Oriental Wedding, a Betrothal would normally precede the actual Wedding itself. After the Betrothal, a date would be fixed for the Marriage. The Wedding Ceremonies would vary depending on the distance between the homes of the couple. The Ancient Oriental Wedding was an elaborate affair and normally lasted for many days. It was usually conducted in *three phases*. The following is a brief description of a Marriage of a couple living far apart from each other.

i) On the appointed day the groom would put on his best garments and a beautiful headdress (*not* a crown) and set off from his home in a Wedding Procession led by the friend of the bridegroom. The procession, comprising of musicians, friends and relatives, some bearing gifts and firebrands, would usually take place after sunset at **EVENING TIME**.

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The friend of the groom would reach the vicinity of the bride's home ahead of the procession, with a message, to herald the coming of the bridegroom. He would be carrying a firebrand (torch) as the surrounding would be in semi-darkness by then. Upon reaching the vicinity of the bride's home, he would announce the arrival of the bridegroom: "*Behold! The bridegroom cometh! Come ye out to meet him!*" Amidst the noise, gaiety and brightness (caused by the torches) of the procession behind him, his message declared the **PRESENCE** of the bridegroom. Even though the bridegroom might still be way back in the procession, his **PRESENCE** would inevitably be felt. The **SHOUT** of the forerunner was an announcement and a sign to the bride to get ready and be prepared to meet her beloved. By then, she should have been beautifully dressed up in the Wedding Garments provided by the bridegroom and be eagerly looking forward to the meeting.

ii) The Wedding would take place with a renewal of the Marriage vow. There would be much feasting and gaiety throughout the evening and night. Later in the night the couple would then be escorted to their Nuptial Chamber. Here, in the privacy of the chamber as well as in the 'canopy' of the groom's love, the bride, who was heavily veiled throughout the wedding ceremony, would be unveiled by her beloved. Intimacy between them would follow and end in a physical union to consummate their marriage. In the process, the bride's virginity would be uncovered and a proof obtained. The Bride would then become the Wife. The Marriage Feast and Nuptial Love of the bridegroom and his bride-wife might continue for several days.

iii) After the Wedding and Nuptial Ceremonies, the groom would take his wife home to his father's house. They would be dressed up in Fine Linen. In the house of the groom's father, the Marriage of the couple would culminate in a Grand Wedding Feast.

Remember, **the vision of the final events consists** of the following: *i)* the **Mystery of the Marriage of the Lamb** which takes place on earth (2 Cor.11:2; Rev.19:6-7), *ii)* the **Ministry of the Seventh Star-Messenger** (Rev.10:7; Rev.3:14-22), *iii)* the **Revelation of the Sealed Book** (Rev.5), *iv)* the **Ministry of the Ascension Gifts** (Eph.4:11-16), and *v)* the **Final Call to the Bride for the Rapture to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb** in heaven (1 Cor.15:51-53; 1Thess.4:13-17; Rev.19:8-9). All these can be seen in the types of the Ancient Oriental Wedding Customs and Traditions.

## THE FIRST PHASE – THE SHOUT

Now, the **SHOUT** is the **message** of the *Seventh Church Age* Messenger. Being the last of the Seven Messengers to the Grace Age, Brother Branham was also a **Forerunner of Christ's Return** just as John

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the Baptist was a *Forerunner* of Christ's First Advent. The **Second Advent of Christ** *consists* of Christ's Coming to claim His Bride in **Spiritual Marriage** and His **Physical Appearing** in the 'Rapture' to take her home to his Father's House.

As a type of the Ancient Oriental Marriage Customs and Traditions, this Spiritual Marriage of the Lamb of God also takes place at the evening time. And, the time that we are living in *is* the '**evening time**', *not* because it is the closing of the *Grace Age* but because these 'latter days' had been predestinated of God for Christ to come and take His Bride in Spiritual Marriage. [Note: '*Darkness*' existed in every Church Age. Hence a STAR was sent to each age to light up the Way of Truth. But only in the *Seventh Church Age* do we have the 'evening time' setting. '**Evening time**' and '**evening light**' are necessary for the Wedding ceremonies to be conducted. And then the bright '*Morning Star*' (Rev.22:16) will come dawning upon His Bride and take her in Wedlock.] The Star-Messenger, a *Friend of the Bridegroom*, was sent ahead of the Mighty Angel's descent to earth to meet His Bride. Notice that the *Mighty Angel*, as the Word-Groom, was seen wearing a beautiful 'seven-colored' wedding headdress rather than a crown of gold. (Read Song 3:11; Isa.61:10b.) As a STAR, Brother Branham was sent to pave the way. He carried an EVENING LIGHT message for the Bride to get her ready for the Marriage. (Read Psm.45:13-14; Jer.2:32.)

This herald of Christ's Coming in Angelic form took place around the years 1956 to 1963. It was about that period that the **Voice of the Seventh Angel** began to sound: "*Behold! The Bridegroom cometh! Come ye out to meet Him!*" The SHOUT of the VOICE of the *Seventh Angel* caused a stir among the churches. Practically everyone hushed to listen but only the Elect truly "*hath an ear to hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.*" The Truth set the Elect free. Their denominational shackles were broken and they walked out of their religious traditions and dogmas into the Original Word and Light of God. (This 'evening light' message is *still* calling out to gather in the last few staggering Elect.)

When the *Seventh Church Age* Messenger (Rev.3:14) proclaimed his Message, he was to achieve **two things**. Firstly, as the **Endtime 'Elijah'**, his message was to **turn the hearts of the children of God back to the faith of their Apostolic Fathers**, according to Malachi 4:5-6. Secondly, as his ministry was placed in the period of the *Coming of Christ* (Rev.10:7), he was also given the REVELATION of the Seven Seals to show to the Endtime Bible believers so that they might be able to discern the time and the season that they were living in. These two things were done by Brother Branham. In so doing, he was proclaiming the *Coming of Christ*. He sounded the MIDNIGHT CRY (Matt.25:6). His message pointed to the Word-Groom's **ARRIVAL** and **PRESENCE** (Grk: *PAROUSIA*). The



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various supernatural signs and gifts marked *His PRESENCE*. *His PRESENCE* then brought the **REVELATION** (Grk: *APOKALUPSIS*) of THE WORD Itself. The times and seasons were made clear to the Elect.

When the members of the Bride came out of denominationalism to receive the WORD(-Groom) they also received many blessings and gifts from the Lord. Among them was the REVELATION of the Book which was sealed with Seven Seals. She was given the understanding of the REVELATION, even as its Seals were opened to the Beloved Apostle, John. However, the Elect should not focus their eyes on the "*little book*". They should now cast their eyes steadfastly on the prominent **MIGHTY ANGEL** Who is their Beloved **WORD-GROOM**.

## THE SECOND PHASE – THE VOICE OF THE ARCHANGEL

After the churches were **indicted** for rejecting the PRESENCE of the WORD, **the Word-Groom and His Bride entered into the Spiritual Marriage**. It took place approximately during the period 1963 to 1965. The Bride 'renewed' her vow to her Beloved. There was much feasting of the Spiritual Manna spread on the table of God. There were also much rejoicing and dancing in the Spirit of the Lord. Now, **as long as the Friend of the Word-Groom was around, the GROOM and the BRIDE could not have any intimacy** yet. The reason being that he was an 'important' person who was chosen as a **Steward** to ensure the proper conduct of the whole event. He was not only *a Friend of the Groom*, but also His **Companion**, His **Messenger**, and His '**Governor**' of the wedding feast. And as 'Governor' of the feast his duty was to see to it that the guests were adequately provided with '*food and drinks*'. All these were commissioned by his Master. (Read John 2.)

**Having finished his work as a Steward of the WORD-GROOM, the Seventh Angel-Messenger's presence was no longer necessary.** (He was told to 'go home'.) **Then the WORD-GROOM and His BRIDE entered into the Spiritual Nuptial Chamber of the WORD OF GOD.** They have been in there since around 1966.

Since then the Bride-Wife has gradually become mellowed. However, it will be many more days before she finally makes herself ready to be a **WIFE**. And as long as the Marriage upon this earthly home of the Bride-Wife lasts, as predestinated by the GROOM's Father, the **SPIRITUAL NUPTIALS** (feasting and love-making) will continue. (Read Gen.29:27; Jdg.14:12.)

The **Nuptial (Marriage) Chamber** in Hebrew is called '*Chuppah*'. It means '*COVERING, PROTECTION and DEFENCE*' (cf. Matt.23:37; Phil.1: 3-21; Eph.6:17), and represents the **BRINGING HOME OF THE BRIDE**. It is the HOME of the Word-Groom. And **THE ORIGINAL**

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**WORD** is the '*Chuppah*' of God. The Word-Groom takes His Bride into It and she is safe for what It provides. It is in here that the Bride (the True Church) is identified as the Word-Groom turns on the (SON)LIGHT of the **FULL REVELATION** of Himself. And the *Invisible Union of the Heavenly Bridegroom and the Earthly Bride* begins. (Read Gen.29:21-25; Deut.22:13-21; Matt.25:12.)

The **VOICE OF THE ARCHANGEL** is the **VOICE** of our **BELOVED**. He is now speaking to the Bride! And whatever goes on in the '*Chuppah*' of God between the Word-Groom and His Word-Bride is hidden from the eyes of the world.

Notice. **WITHIN** the '**CHUPPAH**' OF GOD the **BRIDE** is being mellowed by the **SON-LIGHT** (Morning Star or Daystar). She is locked in deep Spiritual embrace with her Beloved in her new relationship as His **WIFE**. Consider the words of this song:

*"Into Thy Chamber, be free Holy Spirit;  
Speak to me gently as You close the door.  
Heavenly Lover, let Thy Presence cover;  
Shekinah unending is all I long for."*

And on the **OUTSIDE**, the **EVENING LIGHT** is still brightly lit and a flurry of activity continues.

Pause a moment here. Do you recognise the significance of the activities that are taking place now? If you are a member of the Bride of Christ, where are you now in the final events? Are you now inside the '*Chuppah*' of God being mellowed by the **SON-LIGHT**, or are you still outside the '*Chuppah*' and clinging on to the **EVENING LIGHT** (with all the blessed events and things that had accompanied it)? In this hour of time, are you standing upon the **WORD** and walking in the **SON-LIGHT** of God, or are you standing upon the words of a man, an organization or a church? Has the **DAYSTAR** arisen in your heart, or are you still in the **EVENING LIGHT**, away from the '*Chuppah*' and feeding only upon the words of the *historical Evening Time* Messenger, William M. Branham, and trying to figure out what he had said as you *mess around* with his sermon tapes and books? (Read and ponder what John the Baptist said in John 3:27-36.)

Yes, this is the **EVENING TIME**. This is the *Laodicean Age*. But the Bride is **not** in it. She is **not** in that realm. She has been lifted up into another dimension which is *parallel* to the *Laodicean Age*. She is in the *Token Age* or the *Eagle Age*. It is a **dimension** where the **BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR** (or **DAYSTAR**) shines ever so brightly for the Bride. **The SON has arisen in her heart. The FULL LIGHT is in the '*Chuppah*' of God to mellow and perfect her. The *VOICE of the ARCHANGEL***

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(Strong Angel, Chief Angel, Mighty Angel) is the **VOICE** of the **Word-Groom** to the **Bride**. He is the **ONLY ONE** Whose **FACE** the **Bride** is **NOW BEHOLDING!** As the **ARCHANGEL** of the **COVENANT** His **VOICE** (His **WORD**) is sounded **through His Own Ascension Gift** (Eph.4) which He has given unto certain members of His **Bride**. Hence, the **Bride** is not just eating **THE WORD** to enjoy Its sweetness (revelational truth) in her mouth, she is also willing to accept Its bitterness (bitter-healing) in her belly to be perfected. She, too, has a **Ministry**. Amen. Her **Ministry** is to declare the **Truth** to the world, both in words and in deeds. Both the **Bride** and the **Word Ministry** are one (Rev.22:17). Blessed be the Name of the Lord!

### THE THIRD PHASE – THE LAST TRUMP OF GOD

*“Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.”* — Rev.19:6b-8

When this prophecy comes to pass, the **Earthly Bride-Wife** will have gone through the stage of being a true **Wife** to her **Husband**.

There is clearly a *difference* between a **bride** and a **wife**. However, in the Ancient Oriental Marriage Customs and Traditions, **when a bride *had made herself ready* as a wife, she would be given a CHANGE of dress made of Fine Linen.** Then she would be taken to the house of her husband's father to be **presented as WIFE** of the man who would also be dressed in fine linen. She would then sit as a **‘queen’** next to her **‘king’** at the head of the supper table. (Read Esther 2.) [Note: This is very similar to another custom in which a male child has to be *tutored* and *trained* before his father would *accept* and *positionally place* him as a *son* before the people. Read Galatians 4:1-7.]

*“The WIFE hath made herself ready for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb!”* Yes, without a doubt, the **Word-Bride of Christ must now make herself ready.** In the **‘CHUPPAH’** of God and in the **‘PRESENCE’** of the **Word-Groom** she must now **strip off** all the carnal ideas and man-made garments which are still with her. She must **submit herself completely** to the desires of the **Word-Groom** as her **Husband**, in order to be **perfected** and be **presented as WIFE** at the **HOME** of the **Groom's Father**. The secret of that home-going will be made known to her here when the **LAST TRUMP** of God takes place. It will be the **final phase** of the **Seventh Seal**. The **Seven Thunders** will appear on the scene and **utter their voices**. Although the *voices* will be heard around the world only the members of the **Bride-Wife** will have the ears to hear what the voices

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shall *utter*. (The Bride-**Wife** will receive a revival in the power of the **Spoken Word** of God in the *Last Trump*. Brother Branham said, “*Wait 'til them seven thunders utter their voices to that group who really can take the Word of God and hand it there!*” [The Fourth Seal, pg.304])

Yes, the **REVELATION** of the **VOICES** of the *Seventh Thunders* will be a **secret** to the world but it will be known to the Bride-**Wife** who will “*hath made herself ready*” for her **TRANSFORMATION** by then. It will be around the time just before the Word-Groom appear in all His Beauty, Power, and Great Glory in the air and say, “*Arise, My Love, My Fair One, Come away! Come up hither, and let us return to My Father's House!*”

Then the **TRANSFORMATION** shall occur, “*in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality*” (1 Cor.15:52-53). Amen. For “*to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints*” (Rev.19:8). The **Word-Wife** of the **Word-Husband** will be **changed** and be **dressed in Fine Linen, Clean and White**, to testify of her righteousness in her Husband. And He will bring her to His Father's House to receive her reward (Rom.14:10-12). With a Crown of Life upon her head she will sit as a Wife and Queen beside her Husband and King, the Lamb of God, at the head of the Final Grand Marriage Supper Table in the presence of the holy angels. The *Marriage of the Lamb* will **culminate** in this great event.

When this grand final event takes place in Heaven, the Gospel of Christ will be ‘off the mercy seat’ for the Gentiles on the earth. It will be returned to the Jews through *Two Witnesses* whom God will send (Rev.11; Zech.4:2-3, 10-14).

[Note: According to the parable of Jesus, in Matthew 25:1-13, there are “*foolish virgins*”. They are foolish because they lack the commonsense perception of what they should do while waiting for the arrival of the bridegroom. Their failure in not carrying oil in their vessels, except in their lamps, testifies of their imprudent ordering of their lives in regard to something as important as meeting the bridegroom. Is this not what we are seeing today among the Christians? No, I am not talking about the Ecumenists, Modernists, Hollywood Evangelicals, ‘Jezebels’, etc., but those who claim to be born again, especially those who claim to believe in the Endtime Message. What is their perception of the reality of things spiritual? Are not their reckless and inconsiderate habit of mind to the Truth manifesting the folly of their lives as ‘virgins’ in regard to their faith? Are they not truly foolish?

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Friend, what about you? If you fail to enter into the *Marriage of the Lamb* now, like the “foolish virgins”, one of these days, you too will find it too late when the ‘door’ is shut. And you will find yourself cast into the “outer darkness” of the *Great Tribulation* that will soon come upon this world.]

## UTOPIA AND NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH

After the *Great Tribulation*, Christ and His Saints will return to earth. They will come riding on white horses. They will mete out vengeance upon the wicked and judge the world (Zech.14:4; Rev.19: 11-18; 20:4). Then the earth will be cleansed of all sins and wickedness as God brings about a restoration of the earth to its **Edenic condition**. It will be like an Utopian World (Isa.65:18-25). This age is known as the Age of Regeneration (Matt.19:28), an age in which Christ and His Wife will reign over the earth. And the long awaited event — the **MANIFESTATION OF THE SONS OF GOD** — will be fulfilled in this age. All the members of the Bride will be manifested as sons and daughters of God (Rom.8:18-23). They will all be positionally placed by God Who, in His Infinite Power and Knowledge, has predestinated according to His Own Will and good pleasure before the foundation of the world (Eph.1:3-14).

Beloved, whatever we have *potentially* right now — as sons and daughters of God — shall become a *reality*. Spiritually, we are right now having a *foretaste* of the *reality* of that age when our true **ADOPTION** will be declared. And that *Age of Regeneration* will be a preliminary stage of the TRUE STATE OF UTOPIA when this present earth and the heavens around it will be burned up to be replaced by a *New Heaven* and *New Earth* in a re-creation (2 Pet.3:10-13).

*“Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless. And account that the long-suffering of our Lord is salvation...”* (2 Pet.3:14-15a). Amen.

*Into Thy Chamber, be free Holy Spirit,  
Speak to me gently as You close the door.  
Heavenly Lover, let Thy Presence cover;  
Shekinah unending is all I long for.*

*Come my Beloved, be my Lord, my Master;  
As I yield myself, unite me to Thee.  
Let Thy Holy Word wrap 'round me I plead;  
My Defence, Protection and Covering be.*

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## LAODICEAN CHURCH AGE

Semi-darkness: neither day nor night.  
An "evening time" condition:  
no spiritual light of God  
but "evening (star) light"  
comes to light the way to  
the Full Light — the Sun  
of righteousness.

[Types from Zech.14:6-7;  
Mal.4:2; 2 Pet.1:19.]

Behold! The  
Bridegroom cometh!

SILENCE IN  
HEAVEN

VOICE LIKE A LION'S ROAR

OPEN BOOK shows  
SEVEN SEALS are broken  
and revealed but the 7th Seal  
contains unknown tongues  
of Seven Thunders.

## MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB

WIFE OF THE LAMB GRANTED  
TO BE ARRAYED IN FINE LINEN  
CLEAN AND WHITE

70th WEEK OF DANIEL

Wesley  
PHILADELPHIAN  
CHURCH AGE

1906

Branham

LAODICEAN  
CHURCH AGE

1958

The SHOUT

The Message  
of the Prophet  
heralds THE COMING.

Seven  
Seals  
revealed

Indictment of Christendom

From 1968

THE VOICE  
of the ARCHANGEL

His WIFE  
is making  
herself ready  
for the  
Marriage  
Supper

Pastors  
Evangelists  
Teachers  
Prophets  
Seers

THE MARRIAGE

Only after the Friend of the Bridegroom  
has left can the Bride and Bridegroom  
enter into the Marriage Chamber (CHUPPAH).  
Bridegroom now speaks (with the Voice of an  
Archangel) through the S/P Fold Ministry to the Bride.  
Bride must become WIFE and be made ready  
for the final ceremony to be conducted at the  
House of the Bridegroom's Father.

The hour for the Bride-WIFE to go "HOME" will  
be made known to her in the Last Trump of God.

THE LAST  
TRUMP

Seven  
Thunders  
utter  
their voices to

the Bride

for the Marriage  
Supper of the Lamb

70th WEEK OF DANIEL

Two Olives Trees  
See Zech.4:2-3, 10-14

SEALING  
of the 144,000  
of Israel

The Final  
"Revelle"  
— a revival —  
to gather home  
the elected members  
of the Bride-WIFE.

Points to note:

Rev.10 is not the Rapture itself.  
See 1 Cor.15:17.

Rev.10 is not Christ's coming  
with the saints.  
See Zech.14:4; Rev.20:11-15.

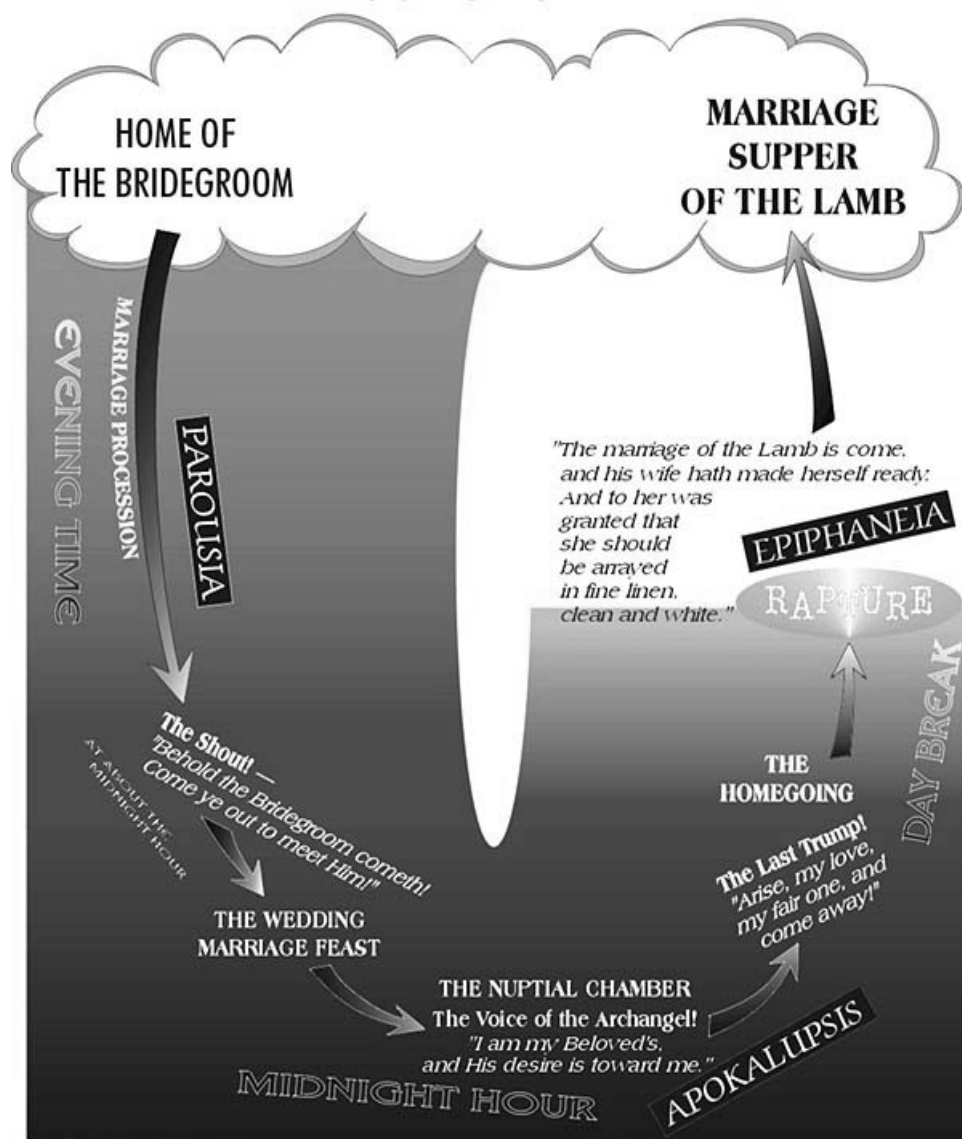
## NOTE:

7th STAR-Messenger is not the DAYSTAR  
(SUN). It is an evening light. It reflects the  
Daystar. The evening time never has full  
sunlight. [The "shout" to meet the SON  
(bride-groom) and enter into the Marriage  
takes place here.]

The Mighty Angel of the Covenant shines  
like the SUN upon the life of the Bride as she  
enters into the Nuptial Chamber. The day  
dawns and the DAYSTAR arises in the heart  
of the Bride. [This SHINING FORTH of the  
Full SON-LIGHT is hid from the world.  
It takes place in the CHUPPAH.]

Remember: The Marriage ceremony  
takes place openly in the evening time.  
But the intimacy between the Bride  
and Groom is shared in secrecy in  
the CHUPPAH. Groom tucks on the  
SON-LIGHT of Full Revelation.

# THE COMING OF CHRIST FOR HIS CHURCH OR THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB



*The Eagle screams...*



*...the Dove leads.*



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