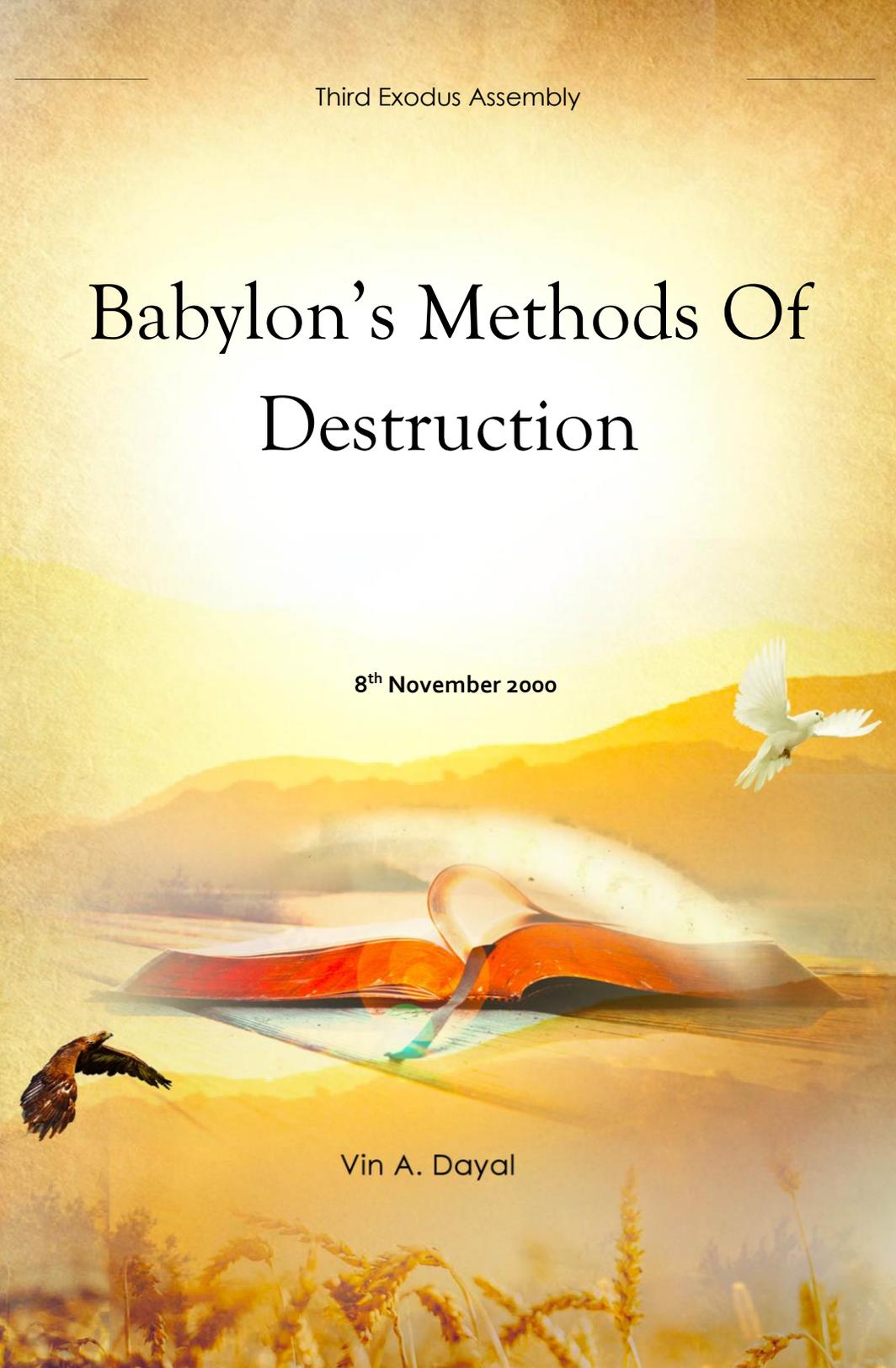

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FOREWORD

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Excerpt:

All Things have been uncovered under the Seventh Seal. That is what the opening of the Book was all about. Daniel said, "That fourth beast would devour the whole earth and break it up in pieces." Jesus said, "Like a snare, it shall come upon the whole world, and those who are counted worthy to escape this great thing that is moving in," He said, "if you have kept the Word of My patience, I will keep you in the Hour of Temptation which will come on all the world." He was looking at something that was prophesied, something that will be here in this Day.

In Daniel 8, he says, "By his policy, he will cause craft to prosper." Think of it. "He will take the kingdom by flatteries." Daniel looked in there and said, "And he will destroy wonderfully by peace." And Jesus said, "If it is possible, even the Elect was going to be deceived." The things that were offered to the church that they might have in order to escape: Eyesalve, White Raiment, and Gold tried in the Fire to escape. What a time, friends! [Page 44]

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[#675 Songs That Live -Ed.]

...no more burdens to bear,

... *burdens to bear.*

No more sickness...

... *sickness, no more pain,*

no more parting over there

And forever I will be

... *I will be...*

... with the one who died for me

Oh, what a day...

... *glorious day that will be.*

CHORUS

Oh, and everyone singing: What a day that will be.

We are looking forward to that Day. We already see it breaking. We see Him appearing in these last days.

... *when my Jesus, I shall see.*

And I look upon His face,

The One Who saved me by His grace

When He takes me by the hand,

and leads me through the promised Land

... *the promised Land.*

What a day, glorious day, that will be.

I believe as true believers tonight, that's the desire in our hearts. I think of the Prophet of God when he went beyond the curtain of time and so many were lifting him up and trying to put him on this great scaffold, and he was interested in seeing Jesus. He said, "Where's Jesus? He is the One I've lived for. He's been my life. He's been my everything."

I believe, as people who have come to know what the Cross of Calvary means, you've been to that Fountain. You've seen the effects of the cleansing of that Blood in your own life. You've experienced the joy and the liberty in which the Truth has made you free in these last days. You've seen the hope that He has prepared for us; it purifies you in this Hour. You've seen His Appearing, you understand the Mystery of His Coming; it does something to you. You look forward to that day.

When you think about it, that at the end of this life when everything is over, we'll be able to lay ourselves at His feet. Hallelujah! *What a day that will be, when my Jesus I shall see. And I look upon His face the One Who saved me by His grace;* when no man on this earth could give salvation to you; when no man on this earth could have died for you; when no man on this earth could have done something to get you into Glory (amen), He has chosen you and predestinated you unto the Adoption of children by Jesus Christ. [Ephesians 1:5 -Ed.]

Oh my, that means something to you, friends. What a day that will be! Blessed be His wonderful Name. And if that hope is alive in your heart tonight, then you want to stand for Him in this Hour; you want to live for Him. You want to do your best for Him while we have the opportunity to serve Him, especially as we see His Word is coming to pass. We see the signs in the End Time telling us, it is nearer than when we first believed. It's high time we awake out of sleep, the Bible says, and walk in the Light as He is in the Light. [Romans 13:11-12 -Ed.]

Let us bow our heads for prayer, tonight. While we stand in His Presence, let us remember that He is faithful Who promised and to know that whatever we have need of tonight, He has already given His promise concerning these Things. So we can look to Him, expecting to receive, for the Bible says that when you

stand praying, if you believe that you have received what you asked for, you shall have it. And what better time to ask than when we gather together as believers, knowing that: where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there I am in the midst. [Matthew 18:20 -Ed.]

Almighty God, we embrace this opportunity because as believers to whom the Word has been opened up to, we recognize the privilege that we have, to know that as we gather together like this, it is written in the Scriptures which cannot be broken, and to know that Heaven and earth would pass away but the Word would never pass away. And that infallible Word of Truth says: where two or three are gathered together in Your Name, there You are in the midst.

We are so conscious tonight that we didn't come in the name of an organization but, dear God, knowing there is no other name given under Heaven where a man could be saved. And to know, dear God, that the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ is not just saying that, but abiding in the Word allotted for this Hour and recognizing, dear God, what has been promised for this Hour and, coming sanely, intelligently, and right in the Word. Oh God, gathering together with others of like precious faith, that have this revelation in their heart, that they know that this great Mystery between the Gentile Prophet and Jewish prophets: that Word, that Anointing has come down, Lord, to quicken and make alive, dear God. And that Word, we hold in our hearts as believers, Father, confessing, dear God that This is Your Word of Truth, Father.

We pray, as Your Holy Spirit, Lord God, condescend in our midst tonight, oh God, and begin to brood upon Your believing children, Father, that dear God, You will meet our need, Father. We come presenting our request before You with joy. We come, oh God, before the Throne of grace with boldness and confidence, knowing we shall obtain mercy and find grace to help us in times of need. Oh God, as we can confess the

need we have and confess that You are able to do these things, dear God, and that You promised to do these things, Father, knowing that You are willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise, the unchangeableness of Your will, the immutability of Your council, dear God; we pray, dear God, that the Holy Spirit would drop that faith into their hearts, Lord God, as they believe that these things that they have need of will be met tonight, according to Your Divine promise and according to Your riches in Glory. You said You shall supply all our needs according to Your riches in Glory. May it be done, Father.

May as the Word is being ministered, faith would rise in the hearts of Your children, sufficient, oh God, to take a grip on these Things, dear God, that they can leave, oh God, rejoicing with the assurance, with the witness, with the confirmation from the Holy Spirit that is here to minister these Things, oh God, that Father, Your promises are yea and amen. And, Lord God, You are faithful Who promised because You are the 'God of the Amen'. You are the faithful and true Witness. Hallelujah! These, who are the continuation of the very creation of God, Father, they could expect, dear God, that Lord You would meet these things, Father because in You, there is no variableness nor shadow of turning. Lead and direct us in the service, dear God. Oh God, be it unto us according to Your Word. Get honor and glory, Father.

Lord, even the strangers and visitors within our gates tonight, we ask that You would take them under Your Divine consideration. And, dear God, that You would draw them under the power and under the unction of Your Holy Spirit, dear God, that they can believe and they can receive, dear God, as Lord the Light would shine into their hearts to illuminate them and to give them the understanding of the Hour that we are living in. And the modern events, dear God, Lord God that is being made clear by the vindicated

prophecy; these Things you have caused us to see and understand and know, that we might know how to prepare and make ready, Father.

Lead and direct us, oh God, tonight, for Lord, we desire to follow and we desire to follow You all the way tonight. Hallelujah! And Lord God, may You lead us in a plain path, (hallelujah!) that we might know how to walk, dear God, we might know how to go. Grant it, we ask tonight. Get honor and glory. We pray and believe, as we ask these mercies in the almighty and precious Name of the One we long to see, of the One we desire to please, our precious, lovely Lord, Jesus, tonight.

We thank You, Father, for this blessed opportunity we have. And, Lord, we just pray that You will just have Your way now among us, in Jesus' precious Name. Amen. Thank You, Father, Thank You, Lord. Amen. Praise His Mighty Name.

Let's just open up to 2nd Kings, Chapter 23. We'd like to read from there for a Scripture reading tonight: 2nd Kings 23, in line with these Things I have been trying to focus our attention upon.

I had to break a little bit on Fridays because we know we have some sick ones amongst us. And we are certainly trying to be mindful of them when we come to the desk; of the needs that are among the people that we might be able to say something to even help those to receive their healing and their deliverance. I believe that God is the great High Priest Who can be touched by the feelings of our infirmities. And as the Holy Spirit is mindful to give us these things, I trust that you would be sensitive when you see the Word coming forth and you know you have a need. You just need to catch it.

You've come to the house of God, that's why you come early and you come praying, you come waiting because you know, He promised to visit us. When He comes among us, sometimes it just takes one Word

and you can catch that Word there because you are waiting, as Habakkuk says: standing upon your watch to see what the Lord would say to you. [Habakkuk 2:1 -Ed.] Amen. And you want to be alert; you want to be watchful as a believer. Amen.

We have been trying to study the Scriptures on Wednesday night; these Things at the beginning of the Gentile dispensation and type it with what is happening at the end of the Gentile dispensation. And so, we'll like to read from about verse 28, in 2nd Kings 23. We are reading here out of the Old Testament and, all these things we know are in shadows and types. This is after Josiah had died. And It says:

28 Now the rest of all the acts of Josiah,

He was the king of Judah. You know that we have studied Josiah's life here in the assembly before and preached on it.

Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

29 In his days Pharaoh-nechoh king of Egypt went up against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates:

And this is something that is telling us, in the days of Josiah, Pharaohnechoh who was king of Egypt went up against the king of Assyria. And that is as if, today, he was saying... just like it was in the Prophet's days, when they had the Cuban Missile Crisis and Kennedy [John F. Kennedy: 35th president of the US -Ed.] wanted to bomb the Russians and bomb Cuba. And the Prophet was talking about how the world was on the brink of a nuclear holocaust and the Bay of Pigs [a failed attempt by US-sponsored Cuban exiles to reverse Fidel Castro's Cuban Revolution. The Central Intelligence Agency-sponsored rebel group attempted an invasion in 1961 that lasted just three days -Ed.] in the sixties.

Sometimes like that, when there is a prophet in the land when there are things happening... The reason a prophet is on the scene is that God is speaking to the

people. And sometimes you would look at the political situation because that has a great part to play just like today, just like in the country here. Here we are gathered tonight, but we know that right now the election campaign has gone into full gear and all the strategists, political analysts, political strategists, they are there in great discussion. They are picking the places to have the meetings. They are picking the teams to stand and speak on behalf of the party. They are trying to woo the voters. They are trying to make a great impact. And here we, as a church, we are looking for the Rapture.

We are gathered here and we are watching these Things. But just what is happening here with us in the spiritual realm, something is happening in the political realm. And I can't fail to emphasize these things because when you read your Bible, if you just see church and 'we come to church' you don't get anything. But when you understand the time, you know what is happening; you know what is taking place. Amen. The Word can come alive to you.

Remember, every jot and tittle, all Scripture is given by (what?) inspiration. All Scripture, every jot and every tittle, so if God said, "And in those days, Pharaohnechoh went up," that is inspired. That's the inspired Word of God, given, because God wants to inject some of the politics that is happening in the land, just... in the time of King Josiah, it was relevant. See, and he went up against the king of Assyria (that's the king of Egypt) to the river Euphrates,

... and king Josiah went against him; and he slew him at Megiddo, when he had seen him. [That is the king of Egypt slew Josiah.]

³⁰ And his servants carried him in a chariot dead from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own sepulchre. And the people of the

land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and anointed him, and made him king in his father's stead.

Now, the people of the land had their own democracy, as we would say. They had their own way of choosing the king and that was Josiah's son, who was the rightful heir of the throne. So the people just followed the process of the law that the land was governed by, which was given to them by God, of course. And they instituted the new king, so they could have a smooth transition of government and have no political unrest in the country.

³¹ Jehoahaz was twenty and three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

Now, I just want to refer to something for you. If you remember, Josiah had come to the throne when he was eight years old, as a young boy. He grew up and he destroyed the idolatry in the land and repaired the house of God and brought the people back to God and all those things. And in his days, the lost books were found by Hilkiyah. And Huldah, the prophetess was prophesying in those days, and we preached on those things.

Here, Josiah, an old man, dies, and now his son comes. If you noticed, he reigned for three months only. When you have a country and... think. Think with me, deeply because sometimes, we try to teach this and you could just read over Scripture because you are literate, but think.

When you have a king who reigned for, let's say, forty years and then his son comes, and his son reigns for three months and dies too, that means there is instability in the country. That means you are changing to another government again. See? That means that you expected this young king would have

come, and maybe gone on and lived, but then you have the political process not running smoothly.

And It says:

... And his mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

³² And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his fathers had done.

³³ And Pha-raoh-ne-choh put him in bonds...

See? Hear how he is being removed from the throne: another king who killed his father comes in and removes him. His own people elected him. Understand that. It says, and, the people of the land put him into power, but then this other king from another country comes in—that's like intervention in the politics of another country.

Now, I want to explain some of these things for you from the Bible because, you see when I'm preaching and I'm telling you these things are happening, sometimes it is hard for you (in your mind) if you can't think in line with what is going on. And when you see things happening in the world, you accept that it is lawful. And, you see one nation interfering with the politics of another nation and you try to wonder what's going to happen, like with the US elections. Why is all the world interested in the US election?

Why is the US election such a powerful thing that the whole world would be wanting to see who is going to be elected as the new president in the United States? See? It's because of their role in world affairs; of their foreign policy that affects other nations as one of the leading industrialized nations of the world, whose army goes across the earth and intervenes and who lays sanctions on other nations and so on, and who is like the superpower of the world.

So when you have a new leader coming in, the world watches that because that is going to determine the

kind of policy. While a person is campaigning for election, what they call the Manifesto, so to speak, their beliefs, their ideologies, what the government would try to achieve, is what they are campaigning with. Do you understand what we're saying? So look at this here.

33 And Pharaoh-nechoh put him in bonds at Riblah in the land of Hamath, that he might not reign in Jerusalem; and put the land under a tribute of an hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold.

This is economics, now. This nation is controlling this other nation's politics and economics. They set up whom they want to rule and they put the land under taxation that they didn't previously have. They are restructuring their economy.

34 And Pharaoh-nechoh made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in the stead of Josiah his father and changed his name to Jehoiakim, and took Jehoahaz away: and he came to Egypt and died there.

He took him from his land, brought him into another land, held him captive and he died there, though he was elected by the electorate to rule. That king came and set up another king. When you start to think now... you are thinking now, okay... what you are seeing is the political power and influence, a major nation has in a region.

Long ago, we had the Queen's face on our money. Long ago we had to fly the Union Jack too. Long ago we had Sir Solomon Hochoy who was the Governor-General. All these things are no more. These things have been stripped because our politics changed. But while we were under British rule, when we had a problem, we had to go up to the British, Westminster Abbey or whatever they have up there. They used the British law to solve our problems. Even in the natural law of the land today, they still have to go up there

because they're still using that type of legal system. Are you getting me?

When they want certain things investigated down here that they can't get from the police force and the government circles, as they had recently with the judiciary, they bring down law lords. When they have something in the regiment, they bring down Scotland Yard [acronym - Metropolitan Police Service (MPS), and the Police Community Support Officers (PCSO), the police force responsible for all 32 boroughs of London -Ed.]. Now all of that came out of the relationship we had with Britain. They didn't just end up going there. Over the years, we have had policies signed for exchange and for certain types of help, so they use those channels when they have a problem because we were not governing ourselves before.

Now, this is how the world was back there and this is how the world has become here. If you understand some of these things, you would be surprised to see, every single thing that is happening and is to happen to bring Rome to become a world power is written in the Bible. It is written in the Bible. Nothing is happening that is not in the Bible. Remember we got to find out what the Book is. There is nothing new under the sun, and everything that is happening here has happened already.

That's why the Book is a Book of Mystery. You have to unfold It. And that's why to unfold It, it had certain Seals that held certain Keys to unlock certain Things and until those Seals were opened, you couldn't put anything together. Man was presuming and wondering what was there but when the Seals opened, remember there is no more wondering.

The reason the Seals opened, the Evening Light shone so that the Bride would not be confused. The rest of the world is to be caught in the snare. For you not to get caught in the snare, you have to see the snare and bypass the snare and know that's the snare.

Are you getting me? Alright, just let me just finish reading this part and I'll let you have your seat.

34 And Pharaoh-nechoh made Eliakim the son of Josiah [another son] king in the stead of Josiah his father, and turned his name to Jehoiakim, and took Jehoahaz away: and he came to Egypt, and died there.

35 And Jehoiakim gave the silver and gold to Pharaoh;

This other fellow, (maybe some scheme) he doesn't want to pay the tribute. You don't pay the tribute, you're under taxation, your international debt comes up, the IMF calls a council. [International Monetary Fund: An international financial institution to promote international monetary co-operation, facilitate international trade, make resources available to members experiencing financial difficulties -Ed.] They call for the removal of certain people and they revoke certain things, and they put the country under pressure. Otherwise, they withdraw certain things and you have no one else to turn to because they are the creditors; they are the moneylenders of the world. You want money to help your nation, you go to the IMF or the World Bank. That's the creditor. You don't go to Barclays Bank; you don't go to the Royal Bank. No, you go to the IMF. That is set up for the world. And Jehoiakim now, this man he put, he gave the silver and gold to Pharaoh.

36... but he taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of Pharaoh:

Now there are only three ways that politicians get money in their economy: by tax, by borrowing, and by printing. Did you get that? By tax, by borrowing and by printing money. If you have things you can tax them on, then you tax them. In an election year, you don't want to tax too much because you'll get the public vex. Every time you tax a person, you tighten the noose on them.

So then, you borrow from the International Bank. If they find now, you already have enough debt, they say, "Okay, you have to tax the people because you'll take too long to pay back that loan." So they restructure your economy a little bit or if politicians can't go either way, then they print money and loose it in the economy. They weaken the economy. They can sabotage their system but it's the only other alternative they have.

We are in an Age where we can do that because we have the printing press and we have ink and paper. Remember, paper money couldn't exist until the printing press was invented. Do you get that? It's the same printing press that Luther and they used to spread this Bible, you know. That changed the world financially and spiritually. The printing press, an invention in science, changed the world.

... he exacted the silver and the gold of the people of the lands, of every one according to his valuation, to give it unto Pharaoh-nechoh.

May the Lord bless the reading of His Word. You may have your seat. I want to take for a title tonight "**BABYLON'S METHODS OF DESTRUCTION**" – BABYLON'S METHODS OF DESTRUCTION. Now, the last five services I've spoken here to you, I've been using a couple of titles. One was *Power Given Unto The Beast And Unto The Image* [2000-1025 -Ed.]. We had taken it like teaching, and I showed you how in this Age, under the Fourth Seal, hell and death, the Bible says, it is given to them to kill one-fourth part of the earth with the sword, with hunger, with pestilence and with the beast of the field: Revelation 6, verse 8. We took that last week.

Then as we looked at that, we typed that back with the Old Testament with Jeremiah 27, how the king of Babylon, God had given him to be the head of the earth. How many know Babylon was the head of gold?

How many know there was a time when it was not the head of gold? But then certain events brought it to the position where it became the head of gold and it did not become the head of gold until it broke the Jewish nation. It is the breaking of the Jewish nation that made Babylon the head of gold.

Jesus said, as we took on Sunday, "Israel would be trodden down until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." And that Word 'the times of the Gentiles' is speaking of (what?) Gentile dominion over Israel. Israel was their own nation; they had their own king. How many know when God called Israel out of Egypt, before that time, they were not a nation? There were the sons of Jacob. Is that right?

Jacob and his sons went down to Egypt but God took them out of Egypt. They had grown into a great nation. God took Moses on the mountain, showed him what was in Heaven on the earth and showed him the place of this Family. Because, God told Abraham, "I will make of you, a great nation." So they had come to nationhood because God was bringing them into the land where they were going to have a king. Until that time, who was their king? God was their King.

God was their King. Israel was under a theocracy. While other nations had their senators and their governors, and their politicians and they're parliamentarians and everything else; Israel had a prophet and a Pillar of Fire. Is that right? And in the time of Samuel, the people looked at the nations and said, "We want to be like the nations, we want a king."

And God told Samuel, "They rejected Me, Samuel. They rejected their King, I am their King." and they rejected Him.

Satan, knowing the plan of God, got the people to go ahead of God because Jesus Christ was going to come one day, God Himself in the flesh and become King over the nations. But what happened? They ran ahead and they chose a king from Benjamin, although

the promise was: The sceptre would not depart from Judah until Shiloh comes. [Genesis 49:10 -Ed.] But the first king came out of Benjamin, not Judah because God saw their heart. They wanted something like the world, so God said, "If you want something of the world, I'll give you something like the world." And He gave them a king out of Benjamin. Is that the Bible?

Listen closely. I'm giving you some background here to crystallize this for you. So then after the prophet warned them, "If you take that king, you will see what that king would do to you. He would make your children and they work hard; tax them greatly like the nations." Why? He already started to draw his inspiration from the wrong thing.

That is the way—remember Jesus said, "Don't be like the Gentiles, having lordship over one another. That's the way of the Gentiles." And so, they were looking at these nations and by looking at those nations, here they were trying to pattern themselves to set up their system when God had called them out to be a holy nation, a peculiar people, a royal priesthood (is that right?) in the earth; different to every nation, where God Himself wanted to come down and live among His people.

So, we find out that when Saul was rejected then God said, "I have chosen Me, a king. You got a king you wanted because you wanted one like the nations but I have chosen Me, a king, now." And God sent Samuel to the house of Jesse (to Judah) for David. Is that right? Because David was from Judah and, David is a type of Christ. He is a shepherd and a prophet; he is a king because Jesus is the Son of David. David was a Mystery unfolding Christ. So here, we find that God chose David and God brought him from the sheepcote to the throne. God placed him.

Then when God was setting up Jerusalem, a type of the great millennial Age, the Golden Age, (is that right) then God told David, "You can't build this. Your son is

going to build it," which was Solomon. And there was not an Age in all of Israel like in the time of Solomon. Solomon built the temple. They saw the Glory of God come down and filled the temple. They saw God.

All nations came to Jerusalem. Even the queen of the south came from the uttermost parts of the earth to see the wisdom of Solomon because Solomon, there in Jerusalem, in an Age when everything was flourishing, was a type of Christ Who was greater than Solomon. Amen. It was only a type.

So here we see now, Israel after the days of Solomon. You know he got into idolatry after a while. He got married to a lot of foreign women; brought the idolatry in and God said, "Okay, I will divide the nation." Because under Saul, David, and Solomon, Israel was one kingdom but then it was disunited and it was broken. And then you had ten tribes, which were the northern kingdom called Israel and then, you had Judah and Benjamin, which was the kingdom of Judah. And Judah had the Messianic promise because the Messiah was going to come through Judah.

We find that in the Books of Kings and Chronicles, they reveal to you the history of the kings. And you see how in the house of Israel the first king was (whom?) Jeroboam. And he set up idols in Dan and Bethel. When you go to Revelation 7, Dan's name is not mentioned; Ephraim's name is not mentioned in the twelve tribes of Israel. Why? Because of that idolatry, way back in Jeroboam's time. Time does not remove sin.

How many remember when Saul died and there was famine in the land and David said, "Lord, why is there famine, what is wrong among us?"

And God said, "The sin of Saul."

He had already died and gone but the land was under that judgment for Saul's sin. Time does not erase sin. You might forget it. You might get a

different feeling. You might think God has a different thought but you are fooling yourself. Not the God of the Bible. The only thing to remove sin is the Blood of Jesus Christ being applied to it. What can wash away my sin? *Nothing* but the Blood of Jesus.

Now watch. So then now, we find Judah had kings also. And Judah was not as bad as Israel: the ten northern tribes because they were the ones to go into captivity first. In 2nd Kings, it shows you where the king of Assyria came and took the ten tribes into captivity. I'm giving a little history, a little background so you could understand 'the times of the Gentiles'. And then a little while after, Judah too, Nebuchadnezzar was going to come to take them into Babylon for seventy years.

If you go into the Book of Jeremiah, God talks about the two sisters, Israel and Judah. He said, "One sister played the harlot and the other sister got influenced by her sister and wanted to play the harlot too. And this sister should have learned when she saw how God dealt with that first sister."

You see people sit in church and God is giving examples to them and saying, "Don't ever do that. Don't you ever do this. Don't you ever do this. Watch how I dealt with that. Watch how I deal with that," and they just get carried away. What is the best example you could get, when you are getting examples right in your midst because then you don't have to look far? Do you get what I'm saying? Sure. Because you have to follow God in continuity. You don't just get a 'vaps' [impulsive decision -Ed.] and pull things. You have to follow God in continuity because He is the same yesterday, today and forever. And what God starts has an unfolding right down to the present time.

Now watch. It was when Judah was taken into captivity by the king of Babylon, then the king of Babylon became a world power. They were the head of gold. God showed to Daniel and Daniel told

Nebuchadnezzar, he said, “Nebuchadnezzar, God has made you the head of gold, and after you, will come the Medes and Persians: the chest of silver. And after them, will come the thighs of brass: Greece. And after them will come the legs of iron: Rome. And it would go out into the ten toes and in the days of the ten toes, the God of Heaven will come – a great Rock, cut out without hands would smite that image and destroy it and grow into a great mountain that would fill the earth. The God of Heaven will set up His Kingdom.”

Well, from 538 BC, Nebuchadnezzar began his conquest of Israel. He laid his siege and he went into his conquest. And I used that for a title twice, in two of the messages: *The Siege and The Conquest* [2000-1029; 2000-0511 -Ed.]. The ‘siege’ is laying the snare. The ‘conquest’ is after you caught it in the snare, you break it and you take it. And I took *Power Given To The Beast And To The Image*, and showed it was given to Nebuchadnezzar. God had told them, “Nothing could make you avoid this. Even if all the Babylonians got killed and only a few wounded ones are left, they would rise up and burn this city because I have given it in their hands.”

God was showing: “Don’t look at the size. Don’t look at the weather. Don’t look at how things are looking as if they are delaying and taking long.” He said, “I have already given it and it is given, and I do not change My mind about My Word and it’s going to come to pass, regardless.” So He says, “Don’t deceive yourselves and think, that well, you got a salary increase, and you got some new perks, that means there is no Squeeze again.” He said, “Don’t deceive yourself with that nonsense. Don’t think that God’s Word is not coming to pass again. Don’t get caught in that foolishness; no, no, no.”

That is where I took that message to show how people are misinterpreting Things many times, and they get complacent, and they lose all expectations.

They lose all faith, and they get caught up in the present time, because in their mind, they are thinking of the Word of God in a very shallow way. And they fail to see when a Prophet spoke “Thus saith the Lord!” that doesn’t change. When he identified that this nation has passed redemption, it does not come back and be redeemable again. When he identified Judgment has started on the earth, it might linger, it might hold for a season but that thing is on the way.

This is where I’m trying to catch the mind of the church, and say, “Okay children, you learn the ways of your God and understand the kind of Hour you live in.” And I’m trying to give you Scripture that you can see the same Hour because that part of the history in the Book of Kings and Chronicles is repeating itself again in the last days. Wasn’t the Prophet told that also when Kennedy was elected? The Holy Spirit said, “The history in the Book of Kings and Chronicles is repeating itself again.”

You see, those are keys, friends. Those are keys in the Bible. That’s why it’s not a guessing thing. And when we are approaching it, the way we are approaching it, you know it’s not somebody trying to make up a thing. It’s somebody trying to say, if that Seal is opened and that rider is riding, all the way into Eternity, then where has that rider reached in his journey (where he is riding), and what is the objective he is riding with? One is to take peace from the earth and one is to capture the wealth of the world. Well, one day he wouldn’t be trying to capture it, he would have captured it. Do you get that? Because there would be a new money system, so he wouldn’t be trying to capture it.

So in looking at this I’m trying to bring it so realistic to you to say, “Okay, did we have those Gentiles powers according to history, not Bible here now – history now?” The Bible prophesied that twenty-five hundred years ago in the time of Daniel. Let’s look at

history now, any history book we can pick up; any world history. Was Babylon one of the Seven Wonders of the World? Sure, any history book, any encyclopedia would tell you that.

Did the Medes and Persians destroy Babylon by diverting the riverbed? Is there a prophecy saying the river Euphrates would dry up to make a way for the kings of the east in the last days again? That's in the Bible. Didn't one-third part of the men: six million Jews in what we call the holocaust... those same demons come from the same river Euphrates? Sure. Not the geographic river Euphrates, spiritual Euphrates because where the Euphrates is, Babylon is.

Babylon is built on the river Euphrates. And Babylon is at the beginning of the Bible, Babylon is in the middle of the Bible, and Babylon is at the end of the Bible. The river Euphrates is in the beginning of the Bible, the middle of the Bible and at the end of the Bible. There are four rivers that come out of Eden: one river parted into four heads. The Bible names two and the other two can be found geographically. One was Gihon and the other one was Pison, which were the river Nile and the river Ganges, and the other two were the river Euphrates, and the Hiddekel River (the Tigris River).

By the time you get to the middle of the Bible, the only river that is spoken of is the Euphrates. And when you get to the Book of Revelation, at the end of the Bible, the only river spoken of is the Euphrates. Babylon is spoken of (why?) because Babylon now becomes a Mystery Babylon, the same system but it's a Mystery. Mystery Babylon, she is called. Think about it. And the Bible tells us, all the abominations of the earth come from this Babylon and this Babylon would have a king that would rule the world. The Bible tells us that.

In Genesis, Babylon had a king that ruled the world, which was Nimrod. In the middle of the Bible, Babylon had another king that ruled the world, which was Nebuchadnezzar. At the end of the Bible, Babylon has a king that rules the world again. Babylon would control the world. So, when we look at the Scripture here, we see that there were four kingdoms that come exactly in the order, in the sequence, showing... How could Daniel know that?

In those days when Babylon was a kingdom, Rome was hardly even heard of. If you read the Book of Daniel, the Grecian kingdom broke up into four, and one of those kingdoms is what ends up in Rome. Who could know another world's history hundreds and thousands of years before it comes to pass? Then it means to say, that history that is being made is only prophecy being fulfilled. And prophecy is God's foreknowledge. Then that means that God knew the end, even when He knew the beginning because He is the 'I AM that I AM'.

The future was present, with God, always. Then if you are serving a God that the future is present, wouldn't that give you a peace? That means you are serving a God Who knows what is going to happen tomorrow. You are serving a God Who knows what's going to happen next week. You are serving a God Who knows what's going to happen next month and next year.

Then if you have such a God, wouldn't you be a fool to try to take things into your own hands and figure it out in your own mind and go guessing? Wouldn't you seek the will of God? Wouldn't you seek revelation? It is that very God Who wants to lead you and guide you. How many know, in this Day when the people stood on the platform, he [Bro. Branham -Ed.] said, "Lady, I'm seeing you getting younger and younger and younger. I see you twenty-five years ago, you had an accident, and I see you come here..." and he was seeing her in the

present. "I see 'so and so' is going to happen to you also." and he was seeing in the future.

While he stood there, there was no past, present or future. It was all present, "I am God" His omniscience; it was Eternity the man was standing in. He breaks into that Channel where the power of infallibility, the infinite wisdom of God is working through the man. And people sat there and they thought it was a gift and tried to impersonate that, not knowing what that was – Hebrews 4:12.

Could you imagine the carnality of somebody trying to impersonate that? Then somebody comes up and says; "Somebody has a back pain. Somebody has a headache. Somebody here has trouble in their home." Well, I already made three good discernments there if that is true. If I ask. "How many people have trouble in their homes?" Hands will go up here. If I ask if someone has a back pain? My hand and other people's hands will go up, too. Do you understand what I'm saying?

Daniel is telling about the kingdom, about how they are going to fall, about which nation is going to invade them. Daniel said, "I see a king coming from the south (or wherever it was)." He said, "The king of Greece is going to come. He's coming fiercely; he's pushing towards this nation. It's a he-goat and he has a long horn, and this horn is so powerful, he's going to break up that ram." Think about it.

Alexander the Great rose up and the man took military warfare into another realm that man didn't know about. The man came with such military conquest, at the age thirty-three, the man conquered the whole world, with nothing left to conquer to fulfill what Daniel and they said. Well, you could imagine Jews, who had the Book of Daniel, and their Book had told them and named these nations, and said which nation was going to conquer them, and which great king was going to rise up out of which nation, and

what kind of destruction he was going to bring. And you could imagine when they had that and hundreds of years after, Daniel fell asleep in his lot as God told him because, some of these Things are for many days, and they saw it come to pass exactly, precisely.

Look at Paul in 2nd Thessalonians saying, "Remember when I was with you, I told you these things; how the man of sin is going to rise in the last days, how he would be worshipped as God in the temple (is that right?); how he would be broken without hands, with the brightness of His Coming and with the Spirit of His mouth, God is going to destroy him; how he would come in deceivableness of unrighteousness, how he would take the kingdom by flatteries.

Paul is saying, "And the thing already began to work exactly because that same spirit from the Old Testament is down inside the New Testament church operating already. Jude said, "Men came in, creeping in unawares." Is that right? He said: men went in the way of Balaam, men went in the way of Cain; men went in the gainsaying of Korah. They were seeing all these Old Testament spirits that anointed men in the political realm.

That's why a Prophet could say, "And these same spirits that are loose in the political realm are now loose in the ecclesiastical realm and are in those men." Do you get that? The same way Jude and Paul and Peter and they could look at spirits in the Old Testament, whether it's politics or religion and then they said, "No, that is in the framework of the message right now." What kind of preachers were they? I say they were Holy Ghost preachers. And I say that's how Holy Ghost preachers catch inspiration from God. I say that's what the Holy Ghost does. It brings you to the Bible.

Men stand up with their nonsense and say, "They are trying to preach things down there, and this and

that, and it's knowledge." Sure it's knowledge. It's the knowledge that can save you because if the Book is open to you, you better know. You better know your Day. You better know what is happening!

Half of the time, before they say, "Oh, Bro. Paul, God gave him wisdom to get some of these Things," they want to criticize It.

Some say, "I don't believe in that. I don't believe in the Vials and the Trumpets."

Well, you don't even believe the Bible because any man having those Seven Thunders would tie the Word together. And that's the evidence that you are in a church, where you don't have a closed Book. You're in a church, where they don't just quote the Book. The Book became a new Book. You're in a church where the Book has come alive and is plain to you, and real to you, and relevant and applicable to you. That's how the eyes become open: in the breaking of the bread; when they break the Bread and bring It in the present tense.

Now watch. Watch some of these Things. **BABYLON'S METHODS OF DESTRUCTION** we are talking about. On Sunday, we were saying that she destroyed wonderfully. Okay, if she is going to destroy wonderfully here, you have to find somewhere where she destroyed wonderfully before; otherwise, you would never know what the wonderful destruction is. Isn't that clear? If they were given power over one-fourth part to kill with beasts, and the sword, and these things, was that kind of power ever given to a super-power before? Is that the first time God is doing that? Are there new things under the sun?

Then if you are going to teach a Scripture, and you don't have another Scripture to teach It on, how are you going to teach It? What are you going to use to interpret the Scripture? You have to use Scripture to interpret the Scripture. You don't get gazette paper, and then somebody's old book, and they try to fit up

your thing in your mind. No. It has to be line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little, there a little. It has to tie the Word together from Genesis to Revelation and show the unchanging God in the unchanging continuity of the Word, to prove that it's a Divine revelation being revealed and made plain. And we're living in an Hour when the revelation is promised. It is promised. Do you get what I'm saying?

As Gabriel came to Daniel before they went out and opened up Things, so the Holy Ghost is going to come to the Church and open these Things to show the Church how to go out. It is promised. Wait until those Seven Thunders utter their Voices to that little Group who could take the Word and hand It there. The revelation is promised. Light upon Light would follow until the whole Book is opened wide before your wondering eyes. The revelation is promised.

So when you see people going around the same mountain, saying the same thing over and over; over and over, stagnated, they can't go further, it shows there is no opening of the Word. They hit a dead end. Amen. It's a manmade cistern; it's a broken cistern because anything stagnated would get polluted afterwards. But if it's a living fountain, it will keep bubbling all the time because it's a life-giving resource. Amen.

That's why we are looking here at some of the methods they employed, and I want to show you how Babylon... You see, why was it put into the Book? Could God have Babylon become the world power today and take Israel, and then not put in the Book how they did it before? It has to be in the Book. That's why it's in the Book. That's why there are so many Scriptures and so many accounts. Do you think God would fill up chapters of things concerning an event for no reason?

All Scripture is given by the inspiration of what? It is profitable for doctrine; for instruction in

righteousness. Is that right? That's what the Word is given for and that's where faith rests because faith only has one resting place – the prayer book? Is that what the Bible says? A science magazine? The Word is the only place that faith rests upon, (is that right?) the Word! My!

Let's read a little more. Let's get back to what we were reading there, 2nd Kings. Is natural Babylon, which is in Iraq, a world power today? It is gone. It is broken. Is the Medes and Persians, a world power, today? Is Greece a world power today? Rome, Rome is. Rome is because that one is to go on until Jesus returns. Is that right? That one is to go on until Jesus returns.

Children, let me say this: when you sit hearing the Word and seeing what was a prophecy, seeing the accuracy, seeing the length of time that prophecy was given, seeing how perfectly the details of that prophecy identified events and it happened precisely, exactly, to show the Divine Intelligence, the Infinite knowledge of Almighty God, the very God of creation, and these Books were sealed up. And then God came down in this Day.

He had told Daniel, "Seal up the Book, Daniel." He told John, "Seal up the Book John." Is that right? Did Daniel hear the Seven Thunders? Did John hear the Seven Thunders? Then wouldn't it be logical (not even revelation, logical) that Seven Thunders have to do with the Book of Daniel and the Book of Revelation? And if you claim you have the Seven Thunders, why are you running off trying to say, "Seven Thunders are seven virtues," and, "Seven Thunders are this," and Daniel heard the Seven Thunders, John heard the Seven Thunders, and you can't preach one Word out of Daniel or one Word out of Revelation but you're trying to convince somebody what the Seven Thunders are?

God didn't tell Peter, "Seal up what you write, Peter." He said, "Daniel, seal up what you write." It will take a

prophet to say that back. He said, "John, you seal that up." It will take a prophet to reveal that. And that's why a prophet had to come, not a theologian, not a Bible School student. In the days of the Voice of the Seventh Angel when he shall begin to sound the Mystery... the Mystery! [Revelation 10:7 -Ed.] He said, "Because it is a Mystery, It has to come to a prophet because surely, the Lord God would do nothing except He reveals His Secrets to His servant, the prophet."

It cannot come to a theologian, it cannot come to a Bible School student; it cannot come to a woman who has an ambition to preach. It has to come to a prophet, a prophet who was foreordained before he was in his mother's womb. That's right. Not a book that a reformer wrote on Daniel, not a book that a reformer wrote. No, no, no! These men had Angels coming to them.

Let me say that again: these men had Angels coming to them! Think of it. Did an Angel come to Daniel? Did an Angel come to John? If a theologian were to sit with his wisdom and his pen and paper and write some thesis on what he thinks Daniel is... but those same Angels that brought that Thing has to come back; Angels that were sent to reveal these Things from Almighty God and minister them to a prophet, an eagle who could soar Up There and catch these Things.

That's why the Message we have didn't come from a man in a Bible School or a woman who got a false dream (in tight pants and bobbed hair) saying, that God called her to preach. But it was a man who met the Pillar of Fire, who the Logos came down to; a man who had **THUS SAITH THE LORD** in this generation, (hallelujah!) a man who could catch the Word; a man who was sent by God to interpret the Bible. His very life was the manifestation of the written Word. Yes, sir. My! Yes, sir. That's the Bible. Isn't that the Truth tonight? Amen.

When you see believers in the End Time when this world is again falling apart, when big, big, big Bible School theologians, men who call themselves prophets are going on the radio and on the Television, brother, and prophesying all kinds of nonsense; don't even know the Scripture. When they talk, they sound like some sissified men, you know they are not even anointed by the Spirit of God. When they open the Scripture, they are preaching an historical God, way back two thousand years ago. Amen. And you see a church gathered there, under the Power and the inspiration, and the Word is opening up, amen. A Word that a Prophet caught and brought down in these last days to call a people, "Come out of Babylon. Come out of her, My people and be not partakers of her plagues because her sins have come up to Heaven and strong is the Lord that judgeth her." [Revelation 18:4 - Ed.]

We see these Things being made plain to the children, and Elijah truly shall come and turn the hearts of the children back to the faith of the fathers. [Malachi 4:5 -Ed.] And people begin to line up with the apostles, begin to line up with the Alpha Bride, begin to line up with the Book of Acts, begin to baptize the same way, begin to walk the same way, dress the same way; live the same way. Hallelujah!

Are you preaching a gospel that would produce a bobbed hair woman? Are you preaching a gospel that would produce a painted face woman? Are you preaching a gospel that would produce some sissified man, begging for money all the time, can't stand on the Word of God and teach the people how to operate with the Word (amen); a man who compromises for a church theology or something? No, sir! The Word of God cannot produce that because a seed brings forth after its kind.

When we see the first Church and we see the first Sower, Jesus, the Son of Man, Who was the Planter

and He planted the Word, and He shook His Church. Amen. He said, "Except, you take up your cross and follow Me daily, you can't be My disciple. Except you hate father and mother, brother and sister, you can't follow Me." Brother, He blasted His own Church.

He shook the world off of them but His Church had character. "To whom shall we go? Thou hast the Words of Eternal Life." Hallelujah. No wonder those men gave their lives. Amen. They laid down their lives and they died. They laughed at death. "Oh death where is your sting, oh grave where is your victory." They shook vipers in the fire; people walked in their shadow and were healed.

Tell me which denomination with denominational seed, with some Bible School doctrine can produce that Thing? You watch when Elijah came in the last days and repaired the Altar at the time of the going down of the Son, at the time of the Evening Sacrifice, and began to call the Elect out from that Jezebel system; (hallelujah!) when you see Elisha anointed with the Holy Spirit and a church in the land, in the days after Elijah, anointed with the same Spirit, with the same Robe, doing the same things; God promised that for this Hour! Oh, hallelujah, hallelujah! My! Glory be to God in the Highest!

Oh, I tell you, the Holy Spirit, friends, that Word, that Message God has given unto us, It doesn't get stale; It doesn't get dry. It keeps getting fresher and fresher. It depends on where you live with It. If you live in the Inner Veil, It's fresh every day. It's good every day. It has nourishment. Amen! My! Glory! Yes, sir.

Oh my, I tell you there's a Bride getting ready, friends. When these Seven Thunders are revealed to that little Group, in the last days, they will be worshipping the living Christ, the living Christ not the historical Christ; the living Christ moving in and amongst them. Hallelujah. That little Group who

knows their ABC's, when it's time for Algebra He'll take them into Algebra because they obeyed their ABC's.

I say to you, young ones, this is your time; this is your season that the Holy Ghost could write these Things in your heart (amen), could purify your mind. Glory be to God! God, supernaturally... The same way you plant a seed, (like Bro. Charles planted those pumpkin seeds). If I plant these Seeds here, which are the greater Pumpkin Seeds and they could fall into a bedding ground of faith; if you could say, "Speak, Lord, Thy servant heareth. Be it unto me according to thy Word; all that Thou sayest, that will I do, I believe. As the Lord liveth and my soul liveth, I would not leave Thee, I'll tie my soul. My heart is fixed and my soul followeth hard after Thee," I tell you, there would be an experience this revelation would take you into. Amen!

It would bring you into such a place, you'll walk with God in the Spirit. You'll walk united with God. You'll walk with a clear vision, like when Jonathan took that stick and dipped it in the honey and he began to taste that honey. Brother, all that Saul was trying to hold them down and say, "Fast and pray," Jonathan broke what Saul was saying; Saul with his old denominational ideas. Brother, he stuck that thing there and he began to taste that and his eyes became open, and he smote the enemy.

Saul was so angry, (like when Jesus healed the woman on the Sabbath day) Hallelujah! Saul was so mad, brother, he tried to cut him off and the people said, "What is the matter with you? The man wrought a great victory. Can't you see the man's eyes got anointed? The man found some honey that could make his eyes bright that he could see the enemy clearly?" Hallelujah!

Something that tastes good, It tastes good, has a sweetness about It. Sweet in the mouth as honey, so that even though It gets bitter in the belly afterwards, It was worth it. Amen. You don't care because It's so

sweet. You taste It, you say, "I could take some pain for this. I could take some trouble for this. I don't mind because this is real." Oh, thank You, thank You, thank You, Jesus. Oh my! I tell you, friends.

He promised these Things. He didn't say Wednesday night or Friday night, brother, He just promised It. He said, "When you get in the only provided place, when you get in the Channel, you watch the Dove come down inside of there." Brother, every day is good for Him. Every day is a Sunday. Hallelujah! When you walk in this Light, every day is Sunday. My!

Let's read a little more: 2nd Kings 24 and bring it to a close quickly. Time is running out. My! Let me unfold a little more of Babylon's methods, how she destroyed wonderfully to become the world power and we'll see how she's doing it today. You see, when you find your subject in the New Testament, you must find your type in the Old Testament to teach It; otherwise, you can't teach It. It is good to go to a concordance and so on, but you have to find it back in the shadow, then you have It right. Then you know what you are talking about.

The Prophet said Babylon becoming a World power here; it must have a type for that: where did Babylon become a world power? If it says she will destroy wonderfully and devour the world here, find where she destroyed wonderfully and devoured the earth back there. It is that simple but it comes in seasons. My! It's so simple, you know that, you could have said that before. My! Glory.

Chapter 24: So far what did we read? Josiah was killed by Pharaohnechoh. Then Pharaohnechoh came and got involved in the politics: he removed Josiah's son and he put another son. He changed his name. He put taxation in the land and started to strangle the people. The first son, I guess, didn't want to do it.

That's why it is being mentioned. The next one did it. And exactly what he exacted, he decided to do.

Now, as you read the Scripture here, remember Babylon was the head of gold. That's in Chapter 2, where it showed the outward texture, how it seemed to man. Is that right? Like you go to America and you go to New York and you see the lights at night. You go up there, in the Empire State Building and the Statue of Liberty. You go and hear some of the history of Gettysburg, where Lincoln gave his speech. You go out there, where the astronauts went up the first time when they were leaving to go to the moon, and oh, it's all so beautiful. But then, that's the outward you are seeing.

Babylon, outwardly was the head of gold, but in Daniel 7 God showed the nature of the kingdom. It was a lion devouring, with wings like an eagle, with swiftness. And so, God was not just showing the outward. Like when the Prophet went among the Pentecostals, oh, they looked so spiritual: speaking in tongues and dancing in the Spirit. The Holy Spirit said, "You think that's a nice little kitty; nice little kitty. Okay, tell them about the baptism and their women preaching. Just rub their fur backward a little bit and you would see what kind of nature the nice little kitty has." [1960-1209 *The Sardisean Church Age* - para. 62-64 - Ed.]

Sometimes, all you have to do is rub these nice little kitties the wrong way, and you see things come out of nice little kitties that you realize all of it is not nice little kitties. See? Then, sometimes, God lets that happen to let you see what's in a person. And when he began to do that, it railed up at him. My...my, my, my! You see how you could be dancing one minute and the next minute, you could get sober as sober can be? My! I tell you that's the Word, friends. That's what the Word is.

Now watch something here: taxation in the land and everything. [Chapter 24 -Ed.]

¹ *And in his days...*

In Jehoiakim's days, he is trying to be a faithful tributary, little colony, little colonial state (so to speak) little satellite to Pharaohnechoh.

In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant three years:

Oh, how God could speak in the Word and hide Things. Did you read that? With a stroke of the pen, the historian said, "And he came up and he became Nebuchadnezzar's servant for three years." The last thing we read about the man is that, he's a faithful tributary paying the tax and obeying the instructions of Egypt, that had dominion over him. Now, the next line we read, Babylon has him; yet, it doesn't give you in the same place, how the politics changed and another power came in and took over.

At one time, we were Spanish-Trinidad. We have San Fernando, we have all those Spanish names; Cedros. We have all the different places that they named all over the country, like Santa Cruz and all those Spanish names. Next, we became British. We changed hands. See. And so, when you read this here, you just have to let your mind open up a little bit and you can understand how you have nations—because at the time of politics (catch this); at the time of the politics, they were nothing.

In one season, before all our natural gas was discovered and all our oil was discovered, and all the different things that we have were discovered, and because the world wasn't populated and the business activity to understand where we are placed geopolitically... because where we are placed, the most southerly of all the Caribbean islands, we are the most strategically placed than the rest. From here, you can go directly to Venezuela, Latin America, directly to

Europe, directly to North America because of where we're placed in the region.

That's why when you go into other Caribbean islands, you fly into Trinidad and then you go over to them. You have to find a hub, maybe Barbados or somewhere to go out because of how the route and the business activity is. Now, at one time, because they didn't discover half these things yet, and the business activity wasn't this way in the region then; here was only a sugar plantation with a little cocoa. So the Spanish said, "Well, I could throw in that as a 'lagniappe' for you." And while nations are making deals and they are power-broking the smaller nations, there are little nations changing hands of the bigger colonial powers.

That's why we have Guadeloupe and Martinique being French inside of here. We have Suriname, which is Dutch over here. We have Trinidad and Barbados which are called little England (you see) because of how the politics were at one time. This was the playground for the British, the French, the Dutch, and the Spaniards and so, little islands changed hands.

Now, the way the country is developed, nobody is just going to throw in Trinidad with all this Methanol and Natural gas, and all these things that the world market and the world demands that; nobody is going to throw that in just like that. And then where we're placed strategically, no sir, not with the steelpan and calypso and all these different things that we have here. That's why they brought the Miss Universe Pageant here. They brought different things. See. Why? They realize now the country has worth, it has value, it has certain natural resources. So now you find that if they have to broker it the stakes are far higher.

So listen carefully because this, here that we are dealing with, sometimes you think the Scriptures are so far away to be fulfilled. But when you get the

insight, you realize what you read in the newspaper – that some of you just pass that to go to the comic strip and, you get the newspaper and you turn it to the back to get the sports page to see how many runs 'Lara' made and how many fours he hit. [Brian Charles Lara: a Trinidadian former international cricketer, one of the greatest batsmen of all time -Ed.] You see? And then all the World News, you are not interested in that. Why? Babylon already has you drunk. You don't want to hear what's going on in the world. But as a Christian, you'd better want to hear what's going on in the world because you are living in the last days. Do you get that? Yes, sir! If you are a close observer, you watch those things. Isn't the Bible nice?

When you read It like this, you realize It is not just a religious book. And when you are thinking of the king of Babylon and the king of Egypt, just think of the Pope and Clinton. And if you keep that in your mind because that's the type right there, it gets clear, clear, clear to you. It gets so clear because, why are these two focused on? These were the two major powers on the earth at the time when Babylon was becoming a world power.

¹ In his days Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, came up and Jehoiakim became his servant three years: [only three years] then he turned and rebelled against him.

[2nd Kings 24:1 -Ed.]

I wouldn't have time to read other Scriptures, so I just want to throw it in for you because I am speaking on some of them. Remember the Wednesday before, I was speaking out of Jeremiah 37. And in Jeremiah 37, Babylon had laid a siege around Israel. And what did Zedekiah do? He sent to the king of Egypt for help and the king of Egypt responded with great armies. Babylon saw him coming and they took off and they started to rejoice and maybe they put it in the newspapers and in the media, "Thank God, we had a

great deliverance!” And they had the people charged up. The military men stood up there and they gave the children a public holiday and now free movements again.

Even Jeremiah left the city and was going out. Right? Then the Word of the Lord came to Jeremiah saying, “Go and tell them don’t deceive themselves because the man is coming back here and they’re going to burn the city and they are going into captivity.” Now, what we are reading here, we don’t read that part here. You have to go to Jeremiah 37 to get that part. You have to go to Ezekiel 17 [Verses 1-4 -Ed.] to get that part. He said: when the great eagle comes and crops off the top of the tree and carries it into Babylon. We are going to get it later on, but we would like to help you see how the politics is playing itself out.

2 And the Lord sent against him bands of Chaldees [that’s against Zedekiah] and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and the bands of children of Ammon,

All these were powers under Babylonian rule, so how are you going to read that today? The hunter has dogs of war; dogs he trained for the hunt. When a man is going to hunt, he does not do the hunting. He has dogs and he lets loose the dogs on the prey. He is not going to run and kill himself running all over. Like Bro. Charles said, “I would sit under a tree, relax; let loose my dogs. My dogs are running and getting on the trail, smelling, and barking. When they start to bark a certain way, I know they have the thing in the tree. Then I get up and go to where my dogs are. You see?”

That’s why when the king of Babylon is showing up, he is showing up when it’s time for the kill. Like you read about David too. Joab and they go and back up the nations and break the thing and then David comes

and David rides in ahead of everybody for the conquest. They take it and they set up their own administration. David is not going to fight all the war and so on, all the time. No, he has his military generals; they go out and they do it.

It's like Clinton and they, when you see them put on that cap and they dress like the DEA [Drug Enforcement Administration -Ed.] themselves, and they go on one of those raids on their private jet. And then they come down there. Remember the time when they took Manuel Noriega? [Manuel Antonio Noriega Moreno was a Panamanian politician/military officer, the 'de facto' ruler of Panama, 1983-1989.] I was looking in my archives today to get one of the pictures to bring to you.

I was running out of time and then Malcolm called just before I had to leave. Anyhow he sends his greetings: Bro. Malcolm [Wano (minister) -Ed.] and all the saints in New Zealand send their greetings to you. That is what kind of kept me back tonight.

And to show you, the same way you read how the king came and took that man and carried him out and put another man in his place, we saw that play out. Noriega was on *TIME magazine*, laughing at the Yankees. "Yankees go home!" President Bush and they took an army, a unit and they flew in there. They took him in chains and they took him back, a president, and park him up in Miami, in a jail inside there. A man who was standing there, inspecting military troops; a man who when you walk in the nation, he's the big President of the nation and everything else – Manuel Noriega! The next thing you see the man, in chains, in a US helicopter, being taken out like a common criminal and parked up in a jail, and he is still inside of there tonight. You read the Bible, you see It in the modern-day.

Remember when they went in for Papa Doc in Haiti and they moved Papa Doc out? [François Duvalier, a.k.a. Papa Doc was the President of Haiti: 1957-1971 -Ed.] They said, "Enough is

enough,” and they put Aristide, a priest inside of there. [Jean-Bertrand Aristide: former Haitian priest and politician, Haiti's first democratically elected president -Ed.] They take down whom they want and put up whom they want; interfere with politics, interfere with the economy. You see it in front of you every day, in the same Age, at the end of the Gentile dispensation but it means nothing to you sometimes until the Scripture comes alive to you.

Do you know Saddam Hussein was the US man at one time? [Saddam Hussein Abd al-Majid al-Tikriti: 5th President of Iraq 1979-2003 -Ed.] Sure. And when he turned on them, that was it. Do you know the Shah of Iran who exploited the Iranians for years, was the man the US had set up there? [Mohammad Reza Shah, the last Shah of Iran - 1941 until his overthrow in the Iranian Revolution in 1979 -Ed]. Do you know Mobutu was set up by the US also? [A Congolese politician and military officer: President of Zaire 1965 - 1997 -Ed.] Sure.

When the big industrialist nations need resources to make products... you see, in the Agricultural Age, you wanted land, just territory but when the Industrial Age came, land didn't mean anything if there were no resources. You wanted something to create wealth because a civilization is powered by wealth and you have to find a new way to create wealth. The land was wealth, at one time but when the land has nothing on it, it means nothing. You could only plant 'bodi' and 'pak choi' [vegetables -Ed.] and these things.

When you have a little piece of land with some oil in it or some uranium, or something, you have something; when you have some gold or diamond, you have something. So in the Industrial Age, they could take that resource. So that's why the big power-brokers of the world, they realize, 'that country has *that*', brother, they would send in mercenaries. They would destabilize the government, sign a deal with this man, back him up, support him, sponsor him, so they could get the rights to mine those resources and

control the market, and even use that wealth to overpower other nations.

You are seeing a picture here. You see Israel; when Nebuchadnezzar sat down and read in their chronicles; "In the time of Solomon when the whole world," the Bible says "all men went to Jerusalem." You see how people long to go to America because they are reading books about America. When you are back behind the Iron Curtain and, when you are in the dark jungles of Africa and, way out in the east in India and these places and you hear about America, you want to go to the land of freedom. You want to go to this great big place that has so much influence in the world. So, they long to go there and when they get their visa, they say, "Boy! I got my visa. I'm going to America. Oh my, what a thrill!" See. Well, that's how it was in those days: man wanted to go to Jerusalem.

You say, "God used to dwell in a place, and there's a man standing there, a king." You say, "Brother, the half has never been told. There is no place like that place, on earth. There's a building that was built after a pattern given to a man in a vision, where God came down visibly and lived. And they have prophets who do miracles and shut the heavens for three and a half years, and all kinds of different things. That's a place you have to go." You see how every year plane-loads go to the Holy Land, still – still! There's no prophet, there's no temple but still, they go. You could imagine what it was in those days. And so, Israel was the big spoil.

That was the spoil because there weren't a people like them, with a history like them, with achievements like they had. Brother, it didn't have a nation on the earth that could be compared with Israel. And so, they wanted that spoil, they wanted to get into that temple and take all the gold. They wanted to get into the king's house and take these things. And if they could destroy that, then it would give them ambition that

they are mightier, and they are God because they destroyed God and God's people. In other words, "God can't protect His people. Look I conquered them, so I have to be greater than God."

That's how the heathens think; not knowing God's people misbehaved and God sold them to chastisement, to get a good whipping and then God would take them back out and judge that nation. Do you think it's easy with God? Let God deal with His own children, brother; I tell you. Yes, sir! You think it's easy. Oh my!

So all these dogs of the hunter began to come and harass them for a season. I'll have to close now.

³ Surely the commandment of the Lord came this upon Judah, to remove them out of his sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did;

Now, please, I want you to do me a favor. When you go home and you have a little time, (in your spare time) in this little season here, you see these Scriptures I am reading here, try to read them and sort of get the scenes in your mind and understand the history. When we change from Scripture to Scripture to bring the whole scene together—because when you go to Zephaniah; Zephaniah lived in Jeremiah's time. When you go to Ezekiel; Ezekiel lived in Jeremiah's time. They are all speaking the same things, but emphasizing different things. And what I am trying to do is pull all together to unfold to you the present happenings.

So, when you understand the time... and that is why when it is recorded: "In the days of King Josiah, he prophesied," Josiah, a king, in Chronicles. Let me see what the history was like. That was the time. When you read about Zedekiah, that was the last man who sat on the throne of David. The next man to sit is Jesus. Do you get what I'm saying? And He already left the Father's Throne to take that Throne. And He

opened the Seven Seals book [The Revelation Of The Seven Seals – Ed.] and gathered the redeemed subjects here. And you are part of those in that Book, under this gathering because Judah – Israel didn't have a kingdom.

When Jesus was about to ascend on that day, on the fortieth day: Acts 1, what did they ask Him? When will Thou restore the kingdom to Israel? They tried to make Him, King. They knew He was born in Judah. He was the Son of David. They tried to make Him, King. He said, "No! Pray, Thy Kingdom come. My Kingdom is not yet. I have to intercede first before I could claim My subjects and set up My Kingdom."

For Seven church Ages, He was interceding and when that ran out, He was coming to claim. And we are in the 'claiming work'. The baptism of the Holy Ghost is claiming your body for glorification. That's the 'claiming work', that's what's happening: the claiming. That's why you're under this Message. You've been claimed. Mama Eagle flew out and said, "That Eagle is mine; what is a farmer doing with that? That's mine!" She said, "Junior!"

"Yes, Mama."

She said, "Fly, son. Set those wings. You belong to me; I came to get you back." That's the claiming, Revelation 10; that's happening. And here, She is telling us, "Why I came down to get you is that, you see these Things here, they are on the earth right now, and I have to take you away to come back and deal with this."

So that's what's going on. So you are sitting there and you're airborne with Mama. And She is feeding you beak to beak, and She's teaching you what is happening and you're understanding. You who were dead in sins and trespasses, He quickened you and raised you up and He's telling you now: why I have to take you out, why I'm taking you out now, why you have to leave the world behind now. He said, "Cut

your ties! Cut your ties! It's time to go. You are folding up everything in here now."

When the End-of-time Seal starts, it's a total Secret. He's on the earth fixing things for the Coming of the Lord. He is wrapping it up quickly: quick, short work. He said, "I'll cut the work short in righteousness (otherwise we would be like Sodom and Gomorrah) and finish it up in time of trouble. He'll cut the days short so the Elect would be saved. And you are catching by revelation, "Oh God, look at the Hour. The time clock is striking the Hour. Jesus would soon appear."

Oh, we're going home, friends. We're going home in the morning. The Trumpet shall sound, the dead in Christ shall rise. We are going home in the morning. That was coming because of what? Manasseh's sin. Who was Manasseh? Hezekiah's grandson, I think. And you look back and see King Hezekiah. Remember when King Hezekiah was sick and Isaiah came and he told him what to do to get well? And then the king of Babylon came up and King Hezekiah showed him everything. And Isaiah said, "Hezekiah, now that you did that, the king of Babylon would come and take all of this." Do you remember that? And it went from Hezekiah to Manasseh, to Ammon.

Then Ammon's son was whom? Josiah. Then Josiah died. Josiah was in the time when they found the Book, the lost Truths. The king of Babylon was laying a siege already and Jeremiah was the prophet in that Day. And Jeremiah was telling them, he said, "You all go. God told me don't even pray for those people." He said, "The stalk knows the appointed times, the crane knows its appointed time, but my people can't see the signs of judgment all around them."

In this Age, the rock was thrown up, the Cloud turned, the priest handed him the Book; earthquake – judgment striking the west coast; three blasts, lightning, thunders, voices, and the people still can't

see the signs of judgment in this Age. Aids, Ebola, everything moving in the earth but they still can't see anything. They want denomination. It's an Age like that. See what it has come to, friends.

The Prophet stood there, and said, "David Du Plessis, men in the ranks, the angels who were with Lucifer are in these men. When I look in the Bible, and I look at the Age, and I look at the Time, these men are trying to swing the church into Babylon," while the Seventh Angel is calling them out of Babylon to bring them back to the land of the fathers; men he was rubbing shoulders with, men he sat with. And he cried, he said, "These men, good men, fine, cultured men," he said, "I've found in the Bible, they're reprobates concerning the faith; not in living." He said, "In living, they are fine, cultured men but concerning the faith, they are reprobates." And he went to the rich, young ruler, "Jesus loved him. He was fine and cultured and religious, but he was a reprobate in his soul. He couldn't take the Word." My! He walked; he rubbed shoulders with them.

Do you see the kind of Hour, friends? Sometimes you sit there and your little mind, and your little human spirit around you, and the little things you have ambition for, and the desires (you're trying to get), you sit there and you watch through that little atmosphere, and say, "No, I don't think so. No, that's man. That's this and that." If you get out of that, one time and you get in the Word and you start to fly, and you get your life under the power of the Holy Spirit, you'll see differently.

When you get there now, you are seeing the Symphony, you are seeing the Junction, you are seeing the Change, you are hearing the Rhythm and you are hearing the Drums, drumming out. You see what's happening, you see how it's accumulating to reveal the spiritual application for the Hour. You see the Time we are living in. You see the great

happenings in the spiritual realm. Then you know it's not long anymore, soon we will be leaving here.

Let's just sing this little song again *Signs Of The Time*. [#429 Songs That Live -Ed.]. *Years of time have come and gone, since I first heard it told...* We heard It in the mouth of a Prophet, the Voice of God in the last days. Then he says, "The Bride under Her Messenger will become the final Voice." And now, we are hearing It recycled back to us since we first heard It told; since we played the tapes on the big spool, sat there with the old Woolensak [reel to reel tape-Ed.] in the house and under the house, and, in the bush. We would read the books and pass them to one another. Since that time when we first heard It told, now we are hearing It again, It is so much clearer today, so much plainer, friends, the Hour that we have come to.

All Things have been uncovered under the Seventh Seal. That is what the opening of the Book was all about. Daniel said, "That fourth beast would devour the whole earth and break it up in pieces." Jesus said, "Like a snare, it shall come upon the whole world, and those who are counted worthy to escape this great thing that is moving in," He said, "if you have kept the Word of My patience, I will keep you in the Hour of Temptation which will come on all the world." He was looking at something that was prophesied, something that will be here in this Day.

In Daniel 8, he says, "By his policy, he will cause craft to prosper." Think of it. "He will take the kingdom by flatteries." Daniel looked in there and said, "And he will destroy wonderfully by peace." And Jesus said, "If it is possible, even the Elect was going to be deceived." The things that were offered to the church that they might have in order to escape: Eyesalve, White Raiment, and Gold tried in the Fire to escape. What a time, friends!

When we see these things moving in like we see them moving in; when we can sit in a service and hear

the Voice of the Holy Spirit, service after service, taking the Scripture and beginning to put them together like a jigsaw puzzle for you and a picture begins to come out. A picture that makes the modern events clear; a picture that we see that these big nations had a type, back there. And those things which were given were put in the Book so that when the time comes for God to uncover and unmask that enemy, we can unmask it.

To think that this very money system that we have is fixing to be changed. He will destroy the money system. The Bible says he destroys wonderfully; the way he does it, unsuspectedly because it is a snare. No wonder in this Age, this Capstone revelation that has come, the Mind of Christ, the Intelligence, eyes anointed to see when the Light is shining, that we could understand the Day that we are living in, just like Jesus warned them, "When you see Jerusalem compassed with armies, let not your flight be in winter neither on the Sabbath day. Let him that is on the housetop not come down. Let them in the field not go back. Woe unto them that are with child and give suck." [Matthew 24:17-20 -Ed.]

Think of it. Jesus knew what was coming. He said, "Not one stone..." People were coming from around the world to Jerusalem, like the Ethiopian eunuch and all of them, for the feast. Because of that Temple, they used to come. And Jesus said, "Not one stone of this will remain standing," because they didn't know their visitation. He said, "Oh Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often have I gathered you, as a hen that gathered her brood but you would not."

Belshazzar, that night, the great politician that he was, (Nebuchadnezzar's grandson) if he had only followed the Word of Jeremiah, the prophet that was already written saying: "And Nebuchadnezzar and *his* son, and *his* son, and then I'll take it. And I will enslave them." He was that son and yet, he was

having that party. And the Medes and Persians who were told what was the other nation that was going to come, that they should have been watching, was all around them. Man, trusting in their science and their achievement, "This wall is too big. We have too much food. This place is designed to keep us sheltered and fortified that no nation... we could withstand and outlast anybody that tried to invade us."

Cyrus got that thought: "Let us not try to break down the wall. Let us not try to scale the wall. This thing is built on the river. Let us divert the river bed and just walk right in the city."

Do you know what God says in Ezekiel 38:2, he says, "I'll make Gog think an evil thought. I'll put a hook in his jaw and bring him down"? When God wants man, friends, you see the same way you catch inspiration, you see the same way you catch something that's moving under the nudge of the Spirit; living I'm talking about, living, not church life, Word-life, a life that is quickened. That is why you see the importance of knowing your place, understanding your place, coming into your place, standing in your Channel linked up with God, in a union led by the Spirit in your heart, tonight.

In times like these, just ask God, say, "Lord, just fill me. I don't want to be left behind. I want to be ready to go. I want to be ready, Father. I want to understand. I don't want to hear the Word and forget. I want to retain God in my knowledge. I want Your Word to be a Lamp unto my feet and a Light unto my pathway. Make It real to me. You said You will write Your laws in my heart and my mind, Lord, that no man will have to say, 'know God', we will all know You. Not only that, but no man will have to take thought of what he shall say because the Father will speak through them, in that Hour. Lord, that is the closeness that I want. I want to walk in Your Presence like that. I want to be under Your Influence like that,

Lord. Move my heart and soul into that place in this Hour. I believe, Lord, in my heart, that the time is running out.”

[#429 Songs That Live -Ed.]

Years of time...

...of time have come and gone

Since I first heard it told,

Since I first heard it told,

How my Jesus would come to earth again.

Do you believe that? Do you believe He is coming back?

If back then [twenty-five years or more] it seemed so real, [when I was coming out of the world]. Oh, here in the year 2000, friends.

Then I just can't help but feel

How much closer...

It is nearer than when we first believed. It is high time, awake out of your sleep. Redeem the time because the days are evil. Don't be unwise. We understand what the will of the Lord is.

CHORUS

Signs of the time...

Signs of the time are everywhere

There is a brand new feeling in the air

Keep your eyes, upon the Eastern skies

... Eastern skies.

Lift up your heads...

Look up when you see the Son of Man appearing in that Cloud, he says, Your redemption is near. Since 1963, think about it, thirty-seven years ago.

Wars and strife on every hand,

The Second Woe is passed and behold, the Third Woe cometh quickly. And like it was in the days of Noah: violence fills the earth again.

Still some people... and many in the Message, they

... doubt that He would come again.

Oh, but when you sit in a service and get under the effects of the Word like tonight, you can only confess that...

... the Word of God is true.

He redeemed you chosen few,

Oh, you mix the Word with faith my friend, that It might profit you.

Don't lose hope, soon Christ Jesus... in the corporal body this time, not in the theophany but in the corporal body this time.

...will descend.

CHORUS

Oh, and everyone singing: Signs of the time...

Signs of the time are everywhere

Oh my! If you get in the atmosphere, you feel the surge, the current of the Holy Spirit. You can sense, you get sensitized.

... there's a brand new feeling in the air

Keep your eyes upon the Eastern skies

Lift up your head

your redemption...

Oh, come on sisters sing: Years and time have come and gone.

How many years have we been walking in this Light? You had some hard miles along that Road. You've had your times of fears and discouragement but somehow, that unseen Hand kept you keeping on. You are here tonight, you are still in the race, enduring to the end. By His grace He brought you through, wounded, scarred but you are still pressing on tonight.

If back then it seemed so real... What about tonight?

How much closer... Oh, it is later than we think, friends.

... His coming...

“The Word of God is being fulfilled with such rapidity,” Bro. Branham said, “only the born-again Christian could keep up with It.”

Everyone singing: Signs of the time...

Signs of the time...

We see it in nature: ecological crisis. We see it in the nations: political crisis. We see it in the banking system; financial crisis. We see it in the social order of the world: domestic crisis everywhere. We see it among the churches, backsliding and getting colder and colder, going out into the world.

... upon the Eastern skies

Lift up your head, (oh) your redemption ...

Sing it one more time: Wars and strife on every hand.

I'd like to invite Bro. Anthony Glaude to come and pray.

... and violence fills our land

Still some people...

Aren't these signs? Aren't these flashing red lights of the sign of His Coming? Oh, that is my confession. That is my testimony tonight: the Word is true.

He redeemed you chosen few

Don't lose hope, friends. Buckle the armor a little tighter tonight.

Soon... soon and very soon.

CHORUS

Signs of the time...

Oh, God, make clearer and clearer the modern events that we might see clearly and understand, all these great happenings in the land today, where they fit in the Bible, Lord. We might see the junctions.

...the Eastern skies

Lift up your head, your redemption [my redemption] draweth nigh.

Amen. Every head bowed and every eye closed; every heart, centered upon Him, tonight; knowing He is in speaking distance and hearing distance. Before we leave, let's take into consideration what we have heard; what the Holy Spirit is trying to attract our attention to, you desire to grasp It as individuals, that It could be ours.

[Bro. Anthony Glaude prays -Ed.]

Why don't you reach your hand across and greet the person next to you and say, "God bless you. I'll be praying for you." Amen. When we see the signs of the time everywhere and we feel this feeling, there is just one thing we have in our hearts: *Rapturing Faith is the hunger of my soul today. Rapturing Grace to be changed and taken away.* [#695 Songs That Live -Ed.]

*Rapturing Faith
is the hunger of my soul...*

Oh, as we sit in His Presence like this, what it ought to do to our prayer meetings on Fridays. Let's come out with real purpose in our hearts, amen. Remember the sick ones among us that need the help of faith in this Hour. We are trying to speak on faith to build up the faith a little bit.

CHORUS

...

And the Lord will be waiting in the skies
And we who remain, (amen)
shall be changed,
In the twinkling of an eye.

[Amen] Right now we are groaning,
The whole creation is moaning
Waiting on our Lord...



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