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THIS MAY SEEM LIKE A STRANGE TITLE FOR A MESSAGE FROM THE BIBLE, BUT I BELIEVE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE THE CONNECTION AS WE GO ALONG, SO JUST BEAR WITH ME. WHAT WE WANT TO SHOW YOU, IS, AFTER CENTURIES AND DECADES, THE

TIMES AND SEASONS ARE DEFINITELY POINTING TO THE SOON RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST FOR HIS BRIDE CHURCH. GOD HAS ALLOWED THE GENTILES TO BE GUARDIANS OF THIS BLESSED OLD BOOK WE CALL "THE BIBLE" FOR ALMOST TWO THOUSAND YEARS; BUT HE WILL SOON RETURN AGAIN TO THE JEWS, TO FINISH OUT THE LAST WEEK OF THE SEVENTY WEEKS OF YEARS OF THE PROPHECY OF DANIEL THAT WE HAVE MENTIONED SO MANY TIMES THROUGH THE YEARS. SOME HAVE ARGUED THAT THE SEVENTY WEEKS OF DANIEL IS UNIMPORTANT TO US IN THIS DAY AND HOUR; BUT I SEE IT AS A PRECIOUS THING, THAT GOD WOULD ALLOW US TO HAVE THIS REVELATION WHICH IS SO IMPORTANT, ALONG WITH OTHER PROPHECIES, IN ESTABLISHING WHERE WE ARE IN TIME. GOD KNOWS I

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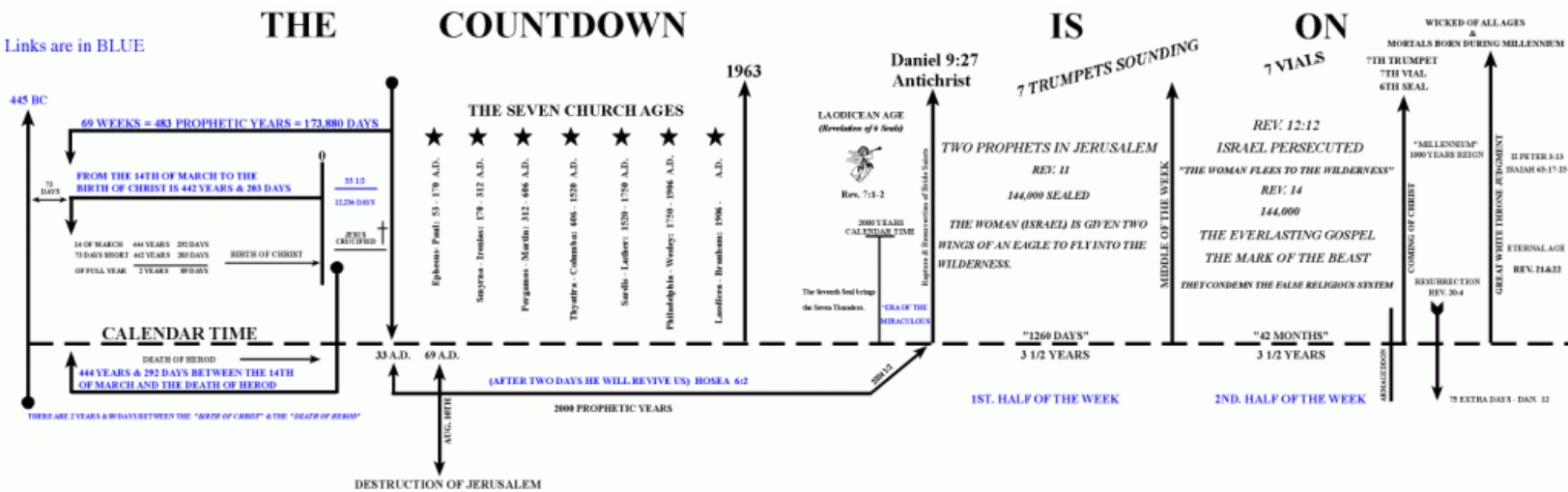
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APPRECIATE IT. WE ARE USING THIS CHART ON THE WALL BEHIND ME TO HELP YOU GET THE PICTURE TOGETHER IN YOUR MIND; AND I HOPE WE CAN ALSO PRINT IT IN THE CONTENDER TO HELP OUR READERS, SO JUST PRAY THAT WE CAN GET EVERYTHING OUT TO YOU THE WAY IT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME.

I am reasonably sure that all of you have read enough of the Bible to be familiar with most all the scriptures we will be dealing with in this message. I do not intend to try to change you from the way you have looked at certain passages of scriptures. However we do

have to realize that we are living in an hour that is 30 years beyond the time when Bro. Branham was taken off the scene; and there are ever so many people running the road with quotes from his sermons and their own interpretation of what each of them pertain to. There have been men taking things he said and putting together abstract pictures to show when Christ is coming. Others have done worse than that and declared that William Branham is coming again, leaving Jesus Christ, the one who was crucified two thousand years ago, out of the picture. Then we have had other characters, and here is one right here, an Oriental prophet, and according to him God was supposed to have shown him how to put certain scriptures together to come up with a certain supposed-to-be revelation. Back in 1992 just before the month of October, these certain pamphlets were passed out freely in the city of Louisville. That is where this one came from. A brother picked this up from the street when he was over there. The title is, *“God’s Judgment Day is Near, In October 1992 Jesus Will Come Again.”* On and on this type of foolishness has been going for many years now. I have been against it, but I have not yelled and screamed real loud, simply because there is no way to stop it. Nevertheless common sense tells you when you look at these things, that all such is preposterous. We must always keep in mind a statement Jesus made, That no man knoweth the day nor hour. Then



we want to find out, Was that just a slang expression? Was that just a figure of speech? We are going to turn to the first chapter of Acts of the apostles right now, and as we go along, we expect to get some answers. We find here another expression in relationship to time. In the first chapter of Acts the writer is rehearsing some things that took place as Jesus was on His way over to the Mt. of Olives where He would soon ascend into heaven from the presence of His disciples. They had heard what He had said a short time before that, so as they are on their way over, in their minds they perceive Him to be the coming King. Of course they did not know He was soon to ascend out of their midst, so they were actually pumping Him for some answers. We come to verse 6 and read this, "When they therefore were come together, they asked of Him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" Well what did that question actually involve? They were actually asking Him, will you now restore again the

sovereignty of the nation of Israel? For almost five hundred years they had not been a sovereign nation. They had been under the rulership of world empires. In fact, ten of those tribes are still out of the land. They are only represented by two tribes. This land was not under their own form of government. They had certain religious freedoms in that respect, but when it came to capital punishment and those things, they were under Roman domination. Therefore the question involves more than it seems to, Wilt thou now restore the sovereignty, meaning will you now kick the Romans out of the picture and give us back our government, our freedom and our identity, the way we knew it hundreds of years ago? That is what the question pointed to, so here comes the answer to that, "And He said unto them, It is not for you (They we4re believers like you and me, and they had a lot of questions going on in their mind at that time) to know the times (plural) or the seasons, (plural) which the Father hath put in His own

power.” I will read that out of the Hebrew to English, to give you a more clear understanding of what was said. “And He said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or seasons, which the Father hath set within His own authority.” Meaning only God, the Eternal Spirit, knows the answer to your question. Well we must try to understand whether that was just a figure of speech, or whether it stands exactly like that. Let me try to illustrate what I mean by figure of speech. You have heard the old expression, scarce as hen’s teeth. Well that has to be explained, because when you look in the dictionary, scarce means you are relating to something that has a limited quantity. Scarce, you hardly find one, just now and then, but when we apply that to, (scarce as hen’s teeth) hens do not have teeth. If you did not know that a chicken does not have teeth in it’s mouth, you might not know what that figure of speech meant, but anything that is as scarce as hen’s teeth is non-existent. So we come back to this statement of Jesus and ask, Was this just a figure of speech, or did it really mean what He said? We have to understand that this is Jewish language, taking up Jewish terminology. When we go to 1st Thessalonians 5. We find the apostle Paul using the same expression. He has just explained how the coming of the Lord is going to be, but then he takes it further, “But of the times and the seasons, (the same two words) brethren, ye have no need that I write

unto you.” Here is how we have to look at this: This is not just some thrown together slang. Neither is it just some careless terminology: It is the way Jews were saying, This is far in the future, and no man knows exactly when it will be, only God Himself. We know those two words, times and seasons, are applicable in Jewish language. Over in Genesis 1, God said, Let there be two lights, one to rule the day, one to rule the night, and let them be for times and seasons, and months and so forth. We know this, in the language of Genesis, times and seasons is in relationship to a man’s total life span, how man would relate himself to how many years, how many months and so forth. We know the moon rules the months, and the sun rules the solar year. When we take that beyond a man’s life span, we are going into centuries and decades. That is the way we put it in our histories. When we talk about time that goes beyond a century, or a man’s natural life span, we write it up, that we are in a new century. We have just passed a century. There is going to be a big centennial celebration and so forth. You have heard that. Well what Jesus was actually saying, if we could put it in our terminology or speech phrase, was, It is not for you to know the centuries or the decades which God has kept in His own mind. Other generations did not need to know the things God has revealed to this generation. He would not let anyone know that before the time. Now when

we relate that to the coming of the Lord, we have looked at our Bible and read through our Bible and many things we read over and over. I have said this for a long time, if the Jewish people who were there in the first advent of Christ had been studying the writings of the prophet Daniel, in the 9th chapter, how the angel broke that down so vividly, they should have been able to come within at least two or three years of knowing the time when their Messiah would be born. I am talking about the hierarchy, the priesthood, the leadership. Do you think Simeon was a man that never read anything? I believe he was a man old in years, yet he had read much. I believe there was something that he read that caused him to begin to feel, O Lord, I just wish I could live to see your Messiah. He knew something, as a basis for what the scriptures say about him. If you never know by any means when a certain event is likely to come about, you would be very foolish to say, God let me live until I see that, when in the mind of God, that might be five hundred years off. On the other hand, if you see something written and you feel there is a proximity somewhere, a closeness that seems to be realistic, you would have a right to ask God to let you live to see that. Anyhow God had promised Simeon that he would not die until he had seen the Christ. This very thing lets us know this, It is not the very wise, nor the intellectual that has the right to figure anything out, it is only the people who

are willing to be a part of God's plan. We have up here behind me a sketch of the first 69 weeks of Daniel. Common sense would tell you, if the Jews knew by the writings of Nehemiah, that the decree that sets that thing in motion starts on the 14th of March, and it was to cover right through to the crucifixion of the Messiah, the Prince that was to be crucified in the culmination of that, they should have been able to realize by counting off the years, that the time was at hand. At least they had a sure point for a beginning. They knew that in that 69 weeks there would be a total of 483 years. On the other hand, theology can put people to sleep and cause them to lose touch with reality. In Luke 24, where Jesus appeared to His disciples after He arose, is a good example of what I want you to see. When He appeared to them, they were startled: They thought they had seen a ghost; but He calmed them, and then ask, Have you got anything to eat? They gave Him a piece of fish, and then some honeycomb. Now that is not just the wax, that is the honey and the wax. He was proving to them that He was not a ghost. But then He said unto them, (We are in verse 44, of chapter 24) "These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. (45) Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, (46) And

said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: (47) And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.” He began with the psalms and the prophets, and the law, and said, These are the things I spoke to you about while I was yet with you. Do you think He left Daniel out of that? That is God’s yardstick. He did not have that written in the scriptures and then put a veil over it. The only veil is man’s own carnality, his own refusal to recognize the reality of it. The Jews had a perfect yardstick, but they did not use it. Therefore they are guilty of crucifying the very one they had been looking for, the One they should have recognized, simply because they should have known approximately when to look for Him to appear on the scene. But no, they did not want a fellow like Him to be their Messiah: He did not come the way they thought he should have. The point here is, What did they expect? Evidently they expected Him to come down from heaven with stars shining, and halo’s poised over His head and all of that, but if that is what they were expecting, it was because they had not studied their scriptures with the right attitude and motive. Nevertheless that is the way a lot of people look at things in our day. In other words, If there is anything God wants us to know, He will sure not send a messenger like that fellow: He is just trying to make himself

something. This is a modern, twentieth century excuse; but I am reasonably sure those Scribes and Pharisees felt the same way two thousand years ago: Well I would listen to what he has to say, if it were not for the way he looks: God would not send a fellow like that to tell us anything. I just have to say, Are you sure about that? We are all going to end up in a ditch somewhere, with that type of attitude. That is why denominational religion went the way they did with Bro. Branham. If you dare to mention his name in public, you just as well have stuck a skunk in their nostrils. It stinks to them. My point in talking like that is to say this, We have a yardstick in the Bible and we are ignorant if we refuse to look at it. Some people take the attitude that we are not supposed to know anything about what God is going to do: We should just drift along and wait for it to happen; but that is not the way I read my Bible. When I read it I see God giving the wise believers a foreknowledge of what He is going to do.

TWO THOUSAND YEARS EQUALS TWO DAYS

Did it ever occur to you that Hosea 6:2 was written long before Daniel ever wrote about the seventy weeks? Hosea 6:2 was even written before the ten tribes were taken out of the land. Hosea 6:2 plainly tells you, *After two*

days He will revive us. Here comes that old theological term though: well I can see the point you are talking about, but we really do not know whether that is the correct meaning of it. I will agree with you up to a certain point, give a little and take a little, but I am not ready to preach such a thing. There is that old expression of doubt and excuse, but there is one thing sure, If that last week of Daniel's seventy weeks is as close to being set in motion as we believe it has to be, you can expect a lot of theologians to be thrown into a state of bewilderment pretty soon now. Right here, is where we are, less that four years away from the year 2000 A.D. and from here to that point, (pointing to the last week of Daniel on the [\(CHART\)](#)) is so vivid and plain in the book of Revelation, it is divided into two parts. The first part speaks of the two prophets: (Rev. 11:3) "And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth." No, not more or less: It will be exact, because it is God who keeps the time, not me. The antichrist will sit in the temple in Jerusalem, after it is rebuilt, and he will sit himself up and claim to be a god, and he will do his evil work for 3 ½ years. God allows him exactly forty two months, not give a little or take a little. I hope you understand why I stress it that way? God meant for those periods of time to be exactly what the bible says, 3 ½ prophetic years each. As for the two days Hosea spoke of, if

the two days have any meaning, then it is dispensational days, not two twenty four hour days. In other words, two days of a thousand years each, prophetic time, which is 360 days to the year. Prophetic time is always with 360 days to each year, because that is the way the weeks of Daniel break down. Using our Julian calendar time, you cannot get 483 years of expired time; but when you break the calendar time down into prophetic time, here is the number you come out with, 173,880 days, which is 483 years. I do that in order to subtract from it when Christ was crucified, April 3 in 33 A.D. That is according to Jewish history. I have it myself. When you take 33 and ½ years calendar time and multiply and get the days, and subtract that off this total of time from here to the death of King Herod, you get the birth of Christ. Here is the death of King Herod. When you take the days here, and subtract it from the total, you get the number of days, and then you can convert it right back to the days that evolve from the decree to the death of King Herod. That establishes the fact that Jesus was born 2 years and 89 days before the death of King Herod, making Him born in the year 3 B.C. That aligns with recorded history, so that should not be a problem for anyone. Then, if two days are what we have before God turns back to the Jews, we have got to know where the beginning point of those two days was. The seventy weeks of Daniel had a beginning point. It was the making of

the decree that you read of in Nehemiah. Well the beginning point of this two days has to be the crucifixion of Christ. The minute the nation said crucify Him, crucify Him, God had already judged them and was potentially placing them under a verdict: *I will take you out of this land once again.* It did not happen immediately, but in 69 A.D., you might say 36 years later, it came upon them. He brought the Roman army to lay siege against the city. That fulfilled the last part of the 26th verse, of the 9th chapter of Daniel. From the destruction of the temple and so forth, the Jews were gone, and they have been dispersed throughout the world through all those years, but the time of the two days starts here. (Pointing to the crucifixion of Christ on the chart) Of course some people will say, Oh Bro. Jackson, I would begin it with 69 A.D., when Titus destroyed the city. Well if you do that, Then you are forgetting what Jesus said about the generation that sees certain things take place. This generation shall not pass away until all these other things be fulfilled. Thirty six years more beyond the crucifixion of Christ will put you beyond that point where one generation could be expect to live. It put you over about 2040 A.D. All of the Holocaust Jews will be dead before then, and you will probably be dead also. I will be dead before then. The generation that has seen all of this within this century will be gone before 2040. What this amounts to, according

to the words of Jesus, there has to be a living representation of the generation that has seen all of these major developments with Israel, when the whole thing is climaxed. Therefore if you try to start the two thousand years of Hosea's prophecy all the way over here when Jerusalem was destroyed, you run the two thousand years out beyond that generation. There is no doubt in my mind that some of those who were very young during the time of the holocaust, will still be alive to see God wrap up this whole picture. Why would Jesus have said such a thing if that were not how it is going to be? They may be a hundred and three years old, but their testimony to God will be here. I do not have to search the earth to find out who that generation is: That is God's business. It is a testimony to God, and it fulfills the words of Jesus. That is the important thing. When we take the calendar time from the crucifixion of Christ and break it into two thousand prophetic years, we are presently just a little over three years away from the year 2000, as far as we can tell by using what we have, and that is, if the Roman calendar that the western world goes by, is anywhere near right. But when we transfer this from 33 A.D. to 2000 years later, 2000 prophetic years later brings us calendar time to 2004 ½. You do not take it back to the birth of Christ, you have to start with the crucifixion. In other words, This time and this time (using the chart and pointing to the Law Age and the Grace

Age) does not overlap. This has to be a continuation of how God deals with the nation of Israel. The 483 years or 69 weeks, covers the time God dealt with Israel from the starting of their coming into the land, to the Messiah, and that sixty nine weeks ended at the crucifixion of Jesus, and the seventieth week will begin at the end of the Grace Age, when God turns once again to the Jews. I want to first go back to Daniel 9, and refresh our memory on the fact that Jesus was cut off at the end of the sixty ninth week of Daniel's seventy week prophecy, and remember, each week is a year of God's dealing with the nation of Israel in their land. Notice the words of verses 25 and 26. "Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and three score and two weeks: (That makes a total of 69 weeks.) the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. (26) And after three score and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, (That shows that He was crucified at the end of the last 62 weeks of that 69 weeks.) but not for Himself: and the people of the prince that shall come (It was Roman soldiers that destroyed the city, so the prince that shall come 'THE ANTICHRIST' will have his seat or authority in Rome) shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, (a flood of persecution) and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. (Now we come to the

antichrist, the prince of the Romans that destroyed the city and the sanctuary.) (27) And he (the antichrist) shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: (That will be the seventieth week, which will start when this covenant is signed.) and in the midst of the week (or actually in the exact middle of the prophetic week) he (the antichrist) shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, (Which will be exactly 3 ½ prophetic years of great tribulation, the last half of that week) and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate." By looking at these three verses, we can pinpoint the exact time when Hosea's two days became effective; and the two days are the two thousand years that God deals with Gentile people in the Grace Age. Israel as a nation, did not recognize the time they were living in; therefore she threw away her chance to accept her Messiah; and that caused God to drive them out of the land once again. In the verse that precedes the one we have been talking about, is a prophecy concerning how the Holy Spirit makes intercession and God speaks on behalf of the people. (Hosea 6:1)"Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for He hath torn, and He will heal us; He hath smitten, and He will bind us up." That is why it says in verse 2, "After two days will He revive us: in the third day He will raise us up, and we shall live in His sight." Just think, hundreds of

years before it ever happened, Hosea gave this prophecy with such a great promise: After two days, (That means, after we have been out of the land, scattered here and there, for two dispensational days or two thousand years of prophetic time), He will revive us. Now we want to see where that points to in the scriptures. Is that not what we read in Revelation 11? What was John given? He was given a reed like unto a rod, a measuring instrument. He was told to go measure the temple, the altar, and them that worship therein, but the outer court and the city leave out, for it is given unto the Gentiles and they shall tread it under foot forty and two months. The temple and the city that John knew was now in desolation, in 96 A.D., but he saw the temple coming back into preeminence. That is what we have got to understand to get this picture right. To John, that was God's way of telling him, When the time comes that the temple is to be rebuilt and the city is to be rebuilt, there will come two prophets on the scene and they shall do so and so; and we know according to Revelation 7, the revival that Israel has as a result of their ministry, is in the first half of the seventieth week. It will last a thousand two hundred and three score days. That puts time exactly in the middle of that seven year period of time. That is when the antichrist breaks the covenant with Israel and starts his great surge of persecution against them. Yes saints, "THEN SHALL BE GREAT TRIBULATION SUCH AS

WAS NOT SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE WORLD TO THIS TIME, NO, NOR EVER SHALL BE." (Matthew 24:21) That is the very words Jesus spoke. Well how does that all fit together as concerning the bride Church? When this peace covenant is signed and those two prophets show up in the streets of Jerusalem, the Gentile bride will have finished her race. She will be ready to take her flight. You just have to realize that there are seven years added on to this; (pointing to the beginning of the week on the chart) and then the bride will be coming back to earth with Jesus, as seen in the 19th chapter of Revelation, closing out the tribulation and pouring out the wrath of God upon all those wicked people that are still alive. Make no mistake about it though, when the Bible says, AFTER TWO DAYS, that is exactly what God meant. Do not try to play around with time, Well maybe that could be 15 or 20 years beyond this point. No saints. That is not why God put it in there like that. It has to have a specific beginning. That is why, if the reviving is to take place fulfilling that second verse, it takes place in the first part of the seventieth week; so you have to bring the beginning of the week to the place where that two days stops, which is right here. (Pointing to chart at 2004 ½ A.D.) It is just that simple. What does the last part of verse 2, say? "In the third day He will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight." That moves you, time wise, into the Millennium. Now verse 3, "Then shall

we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.” The point is, these two thousand years have to have an ending, just as they have a starting point. That is why I said, If you start that in 69 A.D. when they were actually carried out, and you push this thirty six years beyond this point, every one of those of this generation that has seen all this take place, the Holocaust and all that has transpired since will be dead. Only the younger generation will be left alive to say anything; and that would not fulfill the words of Jesus which say, “This generation shall not pass away until all these things be fulfilled.” The point is, this two thousand years will terminate according to the calendar, at 2004 ½ A.D. Seeing that we are now living just about 3 ½ years this side of the year 2000, that means we are dealing with a time span of about eight years between now and the time those two days finish out. Oh that sounds scary, Bro. Jackson! Well let us go to Matthew 24, and take a look at the very words of Jesus.

PROPHECY THAT CANNOT FAIL

As we go into Matthew 24, just try to keep focused on what we are looking at. The things Jesus is saying here, are things He said to the disciples while He

was yet alive, They showed Him the temple, how beautiful it was, and He said unto them, (verse 2) “See ye not all these things? Verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.” After they were outside the temple they began to ask Him, When will these things be? What is the sign of thy coming, and so forth? He started His answer to them by giving them a graphic background. We are going to read a parable. (Verse 32) “Now learn a parable of the fig tree; (The fig tree is Israel.) When his branch is yet tender, (He was not talking about Israel as it existed then, He is talking about Israel as it would exist in the future, as God would be restoring it back into the land.) and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer (talking about a season) is nigh: (33) So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, (Now we have to go back to the first part of the chapter to see what all He was talking about.) Know that it is near, even at the doors. (34) Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. (He was not talking about the generation that lived two thousand years ago. It is true they lived to see certain things they thought it was, but it was only a type, a prelude to what is going to be in the last days. We are the generation that is seeing the culmination, the fulfillment of all this. This is why we have to begin to realize there are certain things in the word to give you and I a vivid picture of how

to look to the end of it all. Let us not walk blindfolded and bump our nose against it. That is not the way God wants us to look at it. That is the way the religious world is walking toward it.) (35) Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.” What did He mean by that statement? Oh the heavens are going to melt! The earth is going to be dissolved: the Bible says so! Well if heaven is going to melt and the earth is going to be dissolved, where in the world are you going to be? I am talking about the old Methodist’s way of looking at the scripture. When you talk about the Millennium to a Methodist, you are using bad language. Actually they think you are talking about something that is right out of the pit. That is the way the Methodists look at it; but in reality what He meant was, It would be easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one word to fail its intended purpose. We do know the heavens and earth will melt, but not in the sense that they become destroyed or devastated. It is God’s way of renewing, cleansing, putting everything back in proper relationship to Himself. Jesus has given some things we can use as indicators as far as times and seasons, but notice verse 36, because at the time He was speaking to a living generation of disciples, He never said a thing about the times or seasons. That was not in the picture. “But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heave, but my Father only.” He put it

into a day and hour. I am going to show you, by the grace of God, what He really meant. I will ask you this again, I this just a figure of speech? Or some slang expression just to fill in the gap? No. He meant exactly what He said. I am going to show you why He meant exactly what He said. “But of the day and hour.” I remember when Bro. Branham was preaching the seals, he said, Notice, Jesus said no man knoweth the day or hour, but he never said a thing about the year or month. Watch as we read on. “But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.” Now He is going into a discourse of explaining to the believer, the true believer, how to look toward His mystical coming for His Church. He has already told you when He is coming visibly. Both comings, part A and part B, are right here in Matthew 24. Let us go back to verse 27. “For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.” This is the strange thing about prophecy, many times two important objectives are referred to in the same chain of thought. That is why Jesus would refer to Isaiah, where He would read certain portions and stop. (Isaiah 61:1) “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; (61:2) To proclaim the acceptable year

of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn.” His day of vengeance, jumps a span of time. Referring to His visible return, “For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together.” Here in Matthew 24:29, is where He tells you when He is coming visibly. We should have no mathematical problems in figuring that out. “Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: (30) And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.” It says He is coming immediately after the tribulation of those days, but some still say, Well that could be three or four weeks later. No. When He said immediately, that is what He meant. Here is the tribulation of those days, right in here to the end of the week. If God only allows the man of sin to project himself in that terrible moment of time for forty two months, does it not also tell us in 2nd Thessalonians that he will be destroyed with the brightness of the coming of Jesus Christ, and he will be destroyed with the sword of His mouth? Where in the world could this lingering of time

come in? There is no such thing. His coming visibly is immediately after the great tribulation of the last half of that 70th week of Daniel. God has no reason to drag these things out when it comes like that. That is a visible return. You can take that to Revelation 19, starting in about the 11th verse, what does it say? “And I saw heavens opened, and behold a white horse; and He (That is Jesus) that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war.” What did He see? He saw Jesus sitting on a white horse. Let me tell you, When that time comes, those that are alive that are left here, are not going to have to have a magnifying glass to see Him: because they are not going to be looking out there in space fifty million light years away. They are going to be looking right up from where they are. (Matthew 24:30) “And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.” You need to read that part of Revelation 19, right with this. There was seen the armies of heaven, and the bride was clothed in fine linen, riding white horses. On His thigh is a new name written and His name is called THE WORD OF GOD, because He is coming to judge, to destroy, to hit this planet with judgment and devastation. When that sign becomes visible in the elements of heaven, you do not need to think his descent to earth is a flash like

a rocket. When heaven is opened, just remember that it takes the planet twenty four hours to revolve one complete turn. The Bible says every eye shall see Him, every knee shall bend, and every head shall bow. And the mighty and the wicked flee to the rocks and mountains and cry, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb." Why? Because He will not still be sitting on that throne when He is seen coming to earth to pour out the wrath of God upon wicked mankind. They will know when He is coming, that is not a secret thing. In my opinion, Electric will go off and clocks are going to stop. Why do you say that Bro. Jackson? Because this old planet earth is going to start reeling and rocking: it is going to go into convulsions. When you do have things like that, you cannot help but have some power lines snap. There will be blackouts. Earthquakes will set in. Gas lines will break. Talk about gas fires. Talk about oil leaks. Yes they will cry, Somebody, get the plumber! There is not going to be any more talk about us destroying the ozone. I am not worried about what God does with the ozone. He destroyed the other ozone during the flood. Then He gave us another. Now, they are saying, Save the ozone! God knows what He is doing. He will have another one back out there when it is needed. The reason I stress that point is because you do not worry about His visible return. It is going to be visible. I have to say, That is going

to be a glorious scene, except to those that are to be judged at His coming. The lights will be shut out. The sun will refuse to shine, and so will the moon. The universe is being disturbed. Every living creature on this planet will have to look toward heaven. That is the only source any light will come from. They are going to be forced to see Jesus coming home from heaven with His bride Church. Praise God, you and I will be coming back with Him! Do not tell me His visible return is a mystery. It is not. It speaks very clearly of it. That is part B. Now let us go back to part A. "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only." No man knows the day or hour that He will return. He tells the sign of Noah. It is in place. Gay rights. The president is in trouble, the Republicans are in trouble. They do not know whether to play up abortion or play it down. When they finally gave the black people civil rights, the devil jumped up and down. Oh watch me now. Here came next the women's rights; and then gay rights. Now every kind of devilish rights you could ever imagine under the sun, is out there somewhere, all hid behind civil rights. Now civil rights has to be the front flag for the whole kit and kaboodle. The devil knew exactly what he was doing; but all of that has a short duration now. Let us watch this coming of the Lord. Are we left here to wonder, to stagger through the pages of God's word in total ignorance? I have to say, We should be able to see

the century we live in and the decade. If we are looking at this yardstick, or measurement the right way, we are living in the last decade. What is a decade? Ten years, in this case, a unit of ten. Centuries is made up of ten units of ten. That is the way we write history today, first century, second century, or first decade or second decade, and on and on like that. Let us see who Jesus was talking to and what He was talking about, when He said no man knoweth the day or hour. He gives us the sign of Noah, that is the gay front today and violence in general. Verse 42, He mentions it again. He is talking to the Christian that is going to be alive when this comes about. The gays are on the move. "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." That is talking about His mystical coming for His church. It is not talking about His visible coming, when He comes riding a white horse. This is what the apostle Paul was referring to in 1st Thessalonians 5. Notice what Jesus says in the 42nd verse. This is referred to five times in 24 and 25, because the two go together. "Watch therefore: (This is our admonition) for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." I just have to say this, Many of the Branham followers mean well; but it is one thing to mean well and another to do well. There is no excuse for ignorance. Willful ignorance is a sin. He that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, what does the Bible say? It goes much deeper than slipping out behind

the barn and smoking a cigarette. It means there are certain things that are right; and true children of God are expected to believe them. I have heard these words so many times: *But the prophet said three and one half years are left, or the seventieth week of Daniel.* They must think I sat there for a whole week when he preached the seventy weeks of Daniel without hearing him when he said, There are seven years left. Don't try to tell me there are only three and one half years left. I would have to say to you, no matter who you are, a Hebrew doctor of divinity, or whatever you are, You just simply do not know enough history. A man would have to be insane, to try to make the Bible prove there are only three and one half years left. Those two prophets are not going to be preaching in the streets of Jerusalem while the antichrist is sitting in the temple showing himself as God. The Bible plainly shows us that it is when the two prophets have finished their testimony and prophecy, (because the old antichrist is totally infuriated because of their words) the antichrist comes to Jerusalem for the purpose of executing these prophets, which he believes are obstacles in his way of economic progress. Therefore let us watch as we continue on here. Notice in this statement, Jesus did not refer to the day. He said, "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would

come, (He is saying this in such a way, Wise servant, keep your nose in the word and stay on your knees in prayer, so that you will see it right.) he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: (This is His admonition to us.) for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.” Two times, He said, such an hour. I stress this point, Do we have to know the hour when Jesus is coming? No. However if we can see a decade in which the Bible points to we should not be afraid of that. Watch how I illustrate it, and in this period of time if I see something begin to develop in the Middle East that shows me God’s miraculous power, I know I am living in the latter part of that decade. Do you see all these scriptures? (Pointing to chart, Amos 9:11-12, Micah 7:11-20, Zechariah 12:2-9, Numbers 24:14-23, Zephaniah 2:4-11, Obadiah 1, Isaiah 11:11-16, 19:16-22, 49:13-21, 60:1-22, Zechariah 10:6-10, Ezekiel 38:2-17, Daniel 9:27) We will not have time to read all of them at this time, but all of them fit right in here. Regardless of how many prophet preachers try to tell you something different, they can quote Revelation 13 and they come on with the New World Order and all of that, but we are living just before the fulfillment of every one of these scriptures. All of that other stuff we are hearing is just so much hocus pocus. Oh Bro. Jackson, you ought not talk like that. When WW2 was over and I came home, I heard them say Stalin is

the antichrist, then it was Hitler, Mussolini, then Kruschev, then Henry Kissinger and we everyone know from studying the scriptures, it is going to be the pope of Rome, so where did they get their great revelation from? You hear this one and that one, *The end is at hand, get my book and read all about it.* Well saints, what I am telling you is not costing you anything. The world at large does not realize they are about to have the most terrible headache they have ever had. Actually Amos 9 is a key that begins to unlock this thing. What did James the apostle say in the 15th chapter of Acts? What was his reply to the brethren when Paul and those other brethren came back and told how miracles had been done over in Asia among the Gentiles? They had already heard Peter’s testimony. They were all discussing that, but what does this other add up to? James said, Brethren, to this the words of the prophets agree, and he turned and quoted Amos 9:11-12. When you read it, the bottom part is what James went after. Upon as many as the Lord our God shall call. James said, After this will the Lord return and build again, which is in the top, the tabernacle of David, close up the breeches thereof. That is the way the prophecy starts out. It is on top. When James was sitting there in that conversation the temple was still standing. The destruction of it in 69 A.D. was still ahead of them. He went into Amos because Amos reveals a time factor. As the Gentiles began to get the gospel, James saw that God had

taken his bottom part of that prophecy and He is going out there among those that had never called on God, never known God, and He has come among the Gentiles to get out of the Gentiles a people that will bear His name. After this, now he applies the top part, He shall return. The prophecy, as you read it, is upside down. You take one part and put here and the other part over here. We are now living when the bottom part of Amos 9:11-12 has been applied. Time for Gentiles is running out. As it does we can see things setting up in the Middle East, which means that God will soon return to the Jews. Once He starts turning to the Jews to give them back everything that was promised, there is going to be a short interval of miraculous events, and they are going to startle the politicians of the world. It has got to be that way for Isaiah and Micah 7, to fit in. When you go to Micah 7 which now begins to unlock the picture, it plainly says this, In the days that thy walls are to be built, again will I show unto him great and marvelous things, insomuch that the heathen will come crawling out of their holes. Let us just read a few verses of it, starting in Micah 7:11 "In the day that thy walls are to be built, in that day shall the decree be far removed. (12) In that day also he shall come even to thee from Assyria, and from the fortified cities, and from the fortress even to the river, and from sea to sea, and from mountain to mountain. (7:15) According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I

shew unto him marvelous things. (16) The nations shall see and be confounded at all their might: they shall lay their hand upon their mouth, their ears shall be deaf. (17) They shall lick the dust like a serpent, they shall move out of their holes like worms of the earth: they shall be afraid of the Lord our God, and shall fear because of thee." Something is getting ready to happen. These are not just idle words. Modern mankind thinks he is going to establish a beautiful government here, but God is going to rip it all to pieces. The only thing that is going to finish this picture out the way the Bible says is Revelation 13, the putting together the remnants of the old Roman Empire, and the United Nations does not have a thing to do with it. Now Bro. Jackson, I would be careful. I am going to show you in these scriptures right here, it is all in there, God is going to rip that thing and tear it all to pieces. Are you sure? I want to show you something. The old school of thought, when WW2 was over, prophetic students and preachers were talking about it: The ten horns are coming together, the ten horns are coming together. Oh, Rome is being revived, the ten horns are coming together. Praise the Lord, it won't be long now. Well, now the ten horns are together, and now they want a New World Order. Do you see how those people jump from one thing to another? It has always been that way.

ANOTHER MANMADE VIEWPOINT

A few weeks back, one Thursday night, a sister was coming into the parking lot and saw a car following her. When she got out, the driver of the other car asked her, Is this where the contender is mailed from? She said yes. He said, will you give this to your leader. It was a large envelope that had a video tape in it. On the envelope was written, God's message to America. Naturally I wondered who sent it: because there was no name on the outside. Neither was there a name on the video, just the writing, God's message to America. I had no way of finding out anything until I played it. It was the first time in my life I ever received anything from that caliber of preachers. The leading character on it was a man by the name of Henry Groover. He is a Charismatic preacher. He has preached in Russia, in Alaska, in Canada, as well as in the States, on battleships, on aircraft carriers, before politicians, schoolteachers, in colleges, and all such like. I am next to nothing in the sight of a man like that. He was telling about a vision God had showed him about the destruction of America. He was in Ireland walking, when he came to this old palace. The Lord told him to go up on this particular tower. He went up on this tower, and all of a sudden the power of God came on him and he saw the world become flat. He saw Russia, the big bear. He saw a big arrow, like a giant arrow attack from

Russia, right over the North Pole toward the States. At the same time he saw submarines suddenly emerge, almost like they were sitting on the beaches, launching rockets. At the same time he saw two more arrows coming right out of Russia, one down through Norway, to take Western Europe, and another one down through Poland to take central Europe, then Armageddon would be fought. That is not the way Armageddon is going to be. He puts Ezekiel 38 as Armageddon; and we everyone know by now, that Armageddon is not Ezekiel 38. Ezekiel 38 is a miracle war designed by God for the eventual preservation of Israel. In Armageddon there is no dead buried, they become as dung over the face of the earth. On the other hand, in this Ezekiel 38 war, Israel, for seven months, seeks to employ people to seek out the dead where they are scattered, that they might be buried, and it says that they burn weapons from that war for the next seven years. I sat there and watched the whole thing; and he told a series of visions he had seen about Russia and the Communists. The thought began to come to me, Why is that man talking like that? I believe his vision was correct, but I remember back in the 1960's, I believe it was in Life Magazine, the United States printed a story about the future and possible attack of Russia, if Russia should choose to do such a thing. The intelligence report was that over the northern pole would come three waves

of giant bombers, and how the first wave would have it hard to break through the anti aircraft defenses, but they would get to the northern perimeter. The second wave would touch the central, and the third wave would touch the southern perimeter. Knowing that, but then seeing what has happened to Russia and the breakup of the great perimeter, here is how the picture lines up. When WW2 ended, the time was at hand for Revelation 13 to start coming together. You had to have a uniting of those nations that for hundreds of years had fought, fought, fought. The soil of Europe is stained with the blood of hundreds of years of fighting. However the Bible says in Revelation 17, that these ten horns are ten kings, or ten kingdoms, that have received no kingdom as yet. Meaning in all their fighting, none of them have ever been allowed to control the whole continent of Europe. That is why they fought, fought, fought. Then they receive a kingdom for one hour with the beast, and from within that beast, the antichrist will come forth. It is a gradual arising. When we look back to the last 1940's, they had the Marshal Aid, then here comes NATO, then the Common Market, and all of these are indicators that the uniting of the original ten horns is now in progress. If God had not let the devil raise up an empire that was a deadly threat, and exist that way for forty years, Europe would never have come back together. They would be doing what they were doing hundreds of years ago, fighting

each other. It took all of those things I just mentioned, to make them believe, We have go to come together somehow, we have to unite to get ready for what is coming. I will never forget when our Vice President stood at NATO and gave one of the last speeches made by that type of man, and said to Europe, *I can almost say greater Europe*. Yes, greater Europe. Henry Kissinger wrote an article describing it, Europe is united. There was some political squabbling, but they are now united; and that brings certain scriptures clearly into focus. That is exactly why Russia would never have been touched back in the late 1980's, had Europe not been united. She was raised up as a decoy to make Europe do what it has done. Now the only thing left for Russia is this hour right here: (Ezekiel 38 & 39) That is all she has left. That is all the potential she has left. Well that man did say one thing that surprised me as I listened to that tape: He said you wonder why Russia will stay in alignment with the Islam world, it is because sixty percent of the Russian society is Islam. He said, When you have a society that is sixty percent Islam, the country has to go along with what the society demands. Now having said that, I am going to drop this thought and show you how the rapture will drop right in place. We do not have to know the day or hour, but if we are a people that is going to live until the rapture comes, I promise you there are things developing in the Middle

East, when you start seeing this all begin to develop and fall right in here, (pointing to chart just before 2004 ½ A.D.) You are going to see yourself living in the last part of the last decade Gentiles have allotted to them. You can count the years. You do not need to know what day or hour. Just remember though, the parable about the evil servant, the warning to him, *But to that evil servant the Lord of that servant shall come in a day he is not aware, and in an hour he is not thinking.* There is a definite message in that parable: It pertains to the way we look at time, and toward the coming of the Lord.

CLUES FOR WISE
CHRISTIANS TO MEASURE
TIME BY

We want to deal some more with these statements Jesus made concerning the end of this Age, when He will come again. The last one's are in the 25th chapter of Matthew. I am going to read these five statements. We know Jesus said to His disciples, when they asked Him, Wilt thou now deliver the kingdom to Israel? That actually meant, Will you restore sovereignty? His answer was, It is not for you to know the times or seasons. We explained already, that this was not just slang language. That was not just mere terminology to avoid answering. That was His answer. That was no doubt the

way Jews would refer to a long period of time, that was yet unknown to them. We find this in the 1st chapter of Thessalonians, Paul had been speaking to the brethren concerning the coming of the Lord to receive the bride Church to Himself; and then he ended it by saying, 1st Thessalonians 4:18, "Wherefore comfort one another with these words. (5:1) But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. (5:2) For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night." He knew good and well that he had said enough, and whatever he said was for all time, that when we come down to the end of all these things we would begin to come together, because at the end time God is going to deal with the people who love truth, to relate to them and give them an understanding of His imminent return. Therefore when we come to Matthew 24 and 25, we see what I am referring to. I am going to read the five times He uses this very statement. In the 36th verse He says, "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only." Again I ask you, Do you think this was just His way of avoiding the question that was directed to Him? No. It was not mere terminology. IT was the way they would refer to something related to another time. Then we come on down to the 42nd verse. He is admonishing the believer, "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." Notice He did

not say anything about the day: He just said, Ye know not what hour. Then we come to the 44th verse. “Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an (notice) hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.” Now we drop to the 50th because He is speaking in relationship to the evil servant. I have to say, in respects to the following of Bro. Branham through the years of time, If they do not get out of the books, something that will get them back into the Bible, they are destined to wind up as evil servants, because they are very bold in putting “thumbs down” on anything else that does not go along with their rhetoric. They act as though it is almost like the Catholic Church, if you do not abide by their interpretation of what Bro. Branham taught, you are nothing. I have a whole bunch of literature that I have received through the years, some from the Philippines, some from India, and just about everywhere the message of Bro. Branham has been, with their own interpretation of it, they try to cram it down your throat. Some make William Branham the Christ of our day. That is why in India they will baptize in the name of William Branham and teach that the name William Branham is the new name of the Lord. These things just keep on going. Therefore when we look in the 50th verse, Jesus is not speaking to the Bride, He is not speaking to the evil servant: So notice, “The Lord of that servant shall come in a day (Here, He comes back and includes the day.) when he looketh not

for Him, (that means he has given up, ‘because of all the projected times they have given heed to.’) and in an hour that he is not aware of.” That puts a man in a bad place. Now we come on over to the 25th chapter. The 25th chapter is an overall picture of the parable of the five wise and five foolish virgins, so this overlaps what we are talking about. It is still going on right in this era of time. We find in the 13th verse Jesus says this, “Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.” We can say that this is a picture of the religious world outside of the realm of revealed truth. They can talk about the coming of Christ, the day of judgment, the end of the world, and they have a little sketchy picture in their head of what it is all about, but they do not have the setting nor the dimensions right. What we want to do, is look at this in the light of what Jesus was actually referring to each time. We have already explained to you that the visible return of Christ is not a mystery. No. He plainly states in the 27th through the 29th verses, that immediately after the tribulation of those days, is the time of His literal return. That is when He returns with His bride saints. Therefore anyone would have to be completely blind, not to be able by the help of a chart diagram like this, to see that at the end of that 70th week, which is the last 3 and ½ years of the week, and is the great tribulation period, the sun is to be darkened, the moon is to withdraw its

light, heaven is to be opened, like the 19th chapter of Revelation says, and then shall appear the sign of the coming of the Son of man in power and great glory. He is riding a white horse, (the white horses symbolize Power and authority) and you, the Bride of Christ, are with Him, as well as the saints of all the other decades of the Grace Age, making their descent to earth. The descent to earth is not like a flash. This descent is a slow, progressive, panoramic thing, a heavenly display of the mighty power of God. If every eye is to see Him and every knee is to bend and every head is to bow, and the rich man, and the bond man, and the free man flee to the rocks and mountains and say, Hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, His descent to earth is not going to be quick like a rocket: It will be a slow, but continual descent. God does it that way to actually draw attention, because this is one display that He wants all attention drawn to. That is why He will shut the lights off. Man's program will end. Well when we pull our attention away from that visible return and come back to His mystical return, it is the secret coming. This is part A: Because He comes for His bride Church before He comes back with His Church. That is why it reads like it does here. First He gives us what we see in Matthew 24, a sign in the world itself. We see the gays and all this display of theirs. We see the gangs, how crime has a hey day. Evil is well reported of, just like the prophecy says. In the book of

Isaiah it speaks that in the last days there would be that period of time when evil is called good, and that which is good is called evil. The courts of our land, and the American Bar Association is as crooked as the Al Capone gang from the 1930's. They are a bunch of vultures, seeking to use the judicial system to fill their pocket books. There is no doubt God has the number of every one of them. God will not take care of them one by one, He will just make a clean sweep one day and wind up the whole rotten mess all at once. As we come back along here, we are going to pick up in the 43rd verse of Matthew 24, and notice something. "But know this, that if the Goodman of the house (meaning a wise person) had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up." He is saying this in an illustrative way, Believer, do not be a foolish person. It is not that we have to lock up our house or anything like that. It is just that we have to be aware of everything about us. He is not coming like a thief to those who are watching for His return, but to the man and woman that is not looking, not interested, it will be as a thief. The thief will come and you will never know he came until after he is gone. Let us now go back to the 38th verse and fill in the story as we come on down. "For as in the day that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah

entered into the ark.” Well we have a lot of people in every nation on this earth that are not necessarily bad people, they are just not interested in anything they hear about the coming of the Lord. They strictly have a materialistic outlook about life. Do not talk to me about this doomsday stuff. I do not even want to hear about it. You could do a lot more good, they will say, if you would talk about peace. That is what is wrong with the Jews today: They sold out to Rabin. They want peace at any cost. It is a compromise, but do not think God has no remedy for this Jewish situation. The very fact that eighty percent of them are totally consumed in materialistic feats day by day, and their mentality towards the Bible is so traditionalized they just read through it without it having any internal affect at all, will not keep God from fulfilling every prophecy that is still pending concerning Israel. In fact, a large percentage of their population are glad when the certain feasts and rituals are over, so they can get back to their money making activities. The money and peace are far more important to them, than anything they can get out of the scriptures, or those feast’s. Little do they realize that God will have to allow something to hit them so hard it will jolt their thinking, in order to get their attention. I received the Jerusalem Post yesterday, and now that Netanyahu has been elected, and he has picked his cabinet, other politicians from the other groups that were not picked, or were in the

labor party that was voted out, act like a bunch of buzzards. It showed their picture’s. They are ready to start picking this man to pieces because they feel the peace process they had working was well on the way, and this man is going to wreck it. As I looked at these men’s pictures, I thought, Jews, you cannot help being like you are, but you are the type of men that caused your people to have to suffer so much through the centuries of time; and yet you want to complain about the holocaust. I feel sorry for those people that were lined up and butchered and shot down and buried half alive, that were killed in gas chambers and all like that, but it just goes to show how hard headed some of them are. They want the world to respect that terrible massacre, and it is right to do so, but attitudes like they have are what brought it upon them. They will not look back through the pages of time and try to learn anything about their failures. In Deuteronomy God told them, the day you turn your back on me, I will turn my back on you. I will scatter you among the nations. In Ezekiel, it said, Your name will become an infamy and the time will come that you will pray when the sun rises in the morning, I would to God it was night. Then when it is night, you would to God it was morning. Can they not see why God is leading them back into the land? They still want peace among every kind of physical being there is, but take no heed to the word of God. It is not just Jews that are like

that, when we come back to what we are talking about here, the Gentile church world is just as blind and ignorant as the Jews are, for whatever prophecy is on the verge of unfolding for them, they just ignore it, just like the Bible says. "And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. (That is talking about the rapture.) Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left." Let us separate this from His visible return. I want you to know that at His visible return, every predestined saint of God is with Him. That proves that whoever is there, were the ones that were ready, and that fulfilled this category. You cannot take this group and jump over there and bring that over here. You are going to be ready when he comes for His bride, or you will not be seen coming back to earth with Him, sitting on a white horse. *Two shall be in the field.* This is the agricultural picture. *Two women shall be grinding at the mill.* This is the industrial side of things. We have three categories here. *Two will be sleeping in the bed, two working in the field, two grinding at the mill.* This goes to show that on some parts of this earth there are people that are going to be sound asleep. While others are going to be at work in different phases of life's occupation. This ought to let us know, that this is that secret coming. We are warned, watch ye therefore. "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." Let us hold that

for just a minute. He is talking in the terms of a day and in the terms of an hour. Common sense would tell me as we come closer to this period, here is the year 2000, and we are just 3 ½ years away from it. Something drastic no doubt is going to develop, because the city of Jerusalem, as it is now in its three thousand year centennial, by the Jews of Judaism, since King David took it from the Jebusites. But in the year 2000, the Christian people celebrate it from the standpoint that it is the anniversary of the advent of Christ two thousand years ago. Jerusalem is the place where Christianity was born in the day of Pentecost. Therefore we can say that from now until the year 2000, there is in motion in the hearts of various people to make this period of time from now until the year 2000, a time to build up the image of Jerusalem, to portray it as a city that people should be rejoicing in. We need to take a look at this thing from the Arab standpoint. The Arabs are trying their best to prove to the world that the old city of Jerusalem is to be their capital, and that it is to be their religious center. How are they going about it? By crying out that they want statehood, not just autonomy. There is a difference between statehood and autonomy. If they were to get it, you can rest assured the city of Jerusalem will never be a place where Christians of the world can ever go again to carry on any kind of religious festivities or ceremony. The Arabs will have it to themselves,

if they get it. However that is why we are approaching this subject and looking at it from this standpoint, because time is drawing close, and something is going to happen. This is the year 2000, (pointing to chart) but according to this calculated time, when we break this calendar time down, the two days of prophetic time will not terminate until we reach 2004 ½. If you have a calculator, go ahead and calculate it. You will come up with the same answer. In this respect, we are not dealing with days or hours in that sense, we are dealing with it in terms of prophetic years. As I said yesterday, When Jesus said, It is not for you to know the times, He is actually talking about centuries and decades. Paul used the same language. But ye have no need that I relate to you of the times or seasons, or such like. Jesus is talking to you and I on the terms of days and hours. I bring this out in this light, We would be blind if we fail to look at God's yardstick. We can look back from the history standpoint. It is scientifically proven, two British Christian Scientists took a computer and calculated the Passover's back to the birth of Christ . That is when they fixed the date in which Christ was crucified, on April 3, 33 A.D. This 33 A.D. means the Christian Era, or the Jews call it the Common Era. It is calculated back to His birth. It is true, no history gives you the recorded birth of Christ. But when the known written histories coming from this direction down through time, shows the death of

King Herod, then knowing from the gospels that Christ was born before the death of King Herod, and because for a long time historians have been in doubt as to the accuracy of the Roman calendar, because it has been updated two or three times, and it was the Catholic Church that did it. It was no independent group of men. This is why in Daniel 7, the little horn that you read about, that came up in the midst of the ten, you notice what it says, "And he shall seek to change times and laws and seasons." That is the Catholic Church, from 500 through 800, the monks stood with every kind of history there was, seeking to update, correct the Roman calendar, to make to correlate with the birth of Christ. This is why, when we say it is now June 29, 1996, that is quite different than the way they used to do it. They used to sign it like this, In the year of our Lord 1996. Our modern world, wanting to get rid of religion, God, Jesus, it is just called 1996. For many centuries though, every point of history was dated, in the year of our Lord. Even the King James version of the Bible, that has King James's name applied to it, in the year of our Lord. Now with this in mind, we would be blind not to recognize the year. When we get into this on over here, we will better understand what I mean by year. For now though, if we can begin to see that we are approaching, or actually that we are in the last decade, because you cannot push this week of Daniel another ten years from this point

without running out of time, we will know that our time left to be here is very short. He is going to come, whether we are ready or not. Let us take it right quick to what Paul said. We are in the 5th chapter of 1st Thessalonians. He has already told us in the 4th chapter, so we will read that, because some of the saints have died and there is a question in the body of believers. They are wondering about those that have fallen asleep. They cannot see anything beyond that grave. I will pick up in the 12th verse of chapter 4, 1st Thessalonians. "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, (I have to say, God does not want us to be ignorant. If He has given us certain practical thing to work with, to bring ourselves through the years and decades, then once we reach that decade we should begin to watch the world conditions, how it evolves into that. Because as we get closer to the end of this decade, we are going to see things in the Middle East that will definitely let us know God's word, concerning His coming, is right on time. Let us finish reading.) concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. (Here, He gives us an order.) For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, (You will not find any place written in the Old Testament in exact words like this. This is a complete revelation to Paul.)

that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. (4:16) For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; 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. (Now here comes that admonition.) Wherefore comfort one another with these words. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, (and the church world and these evangelists will say Oh, the Lord is going to come and cry out with a great shout. Little do they realize the shout has already been sounded around the world. They are behind schedule. He shall descend from heaven with a shout, but they only envision the literal descent of the Lord.) with the voice of the archangel, (Remember, the shout is to the living, as well as the archangel's voice is to the living, but it is in two different points of time. One does not follow immediately after the other. Then we notice this,) and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: (The trump of God is that which raises the dead, to unite them with the others.) Then we which are alive and remain (The trump of God has no effect on us: it is the shout and the voice of the archangel that affects the living, so the trump of God is that which brings forth the dead. Then something will definitely

transpire. By the dead being raised and the rest being awakened and brought together in complete unity, and our minds being purified, everything of tradition washed out of our minds, what a day. We will have nothing but a clear revelation and understanding of our to see ourselves in relationship to God's great time event. I have to believe that when the dead do come forth there is really a purpose of God to be fulfilled just for a short interval, but not going into days or weeks. It will be a short interval of time when suddenly the dead saints will be seen by the one's still living. All of a sudden, some saintly person that you know was dead, will be standing looking at you. You will lay your hammer down then, you will kick the wheel barrow to the side and say, Something is going on here. Praise the Lord! It is not going to be announced over the TV. No. Paul says,) 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." (Together, they are not raised out of the dead, then there they go. That is why I said, there has to be a little interval of time to constitute this. When the living see the dead, and the dead meet the living, Let's go! So away they go. Nothing then, will hold them back. The reason I said before, It is not necessarily that we have to know exactly what hour, I was reminded that when Bro. Branham had preached the Church Ages, I was in the barber shop the next week after he had closed it.

Two fellows that were in charge of the tape ministry, one was in the barber's chair. I was waiting my turn. He said Bro. Jackson, it won't be long now. I said, No. He said, The way I look at it, I feel like I have enough money saved to take care of me until the rapture. I don't intend to do very much more. Well that has been thirty some years. That poor man is dead and we are still waiting for the coming of the Lord. It just does not pay to speculate on the day and hour of His coming. If you knew right now that the minute I close this sermon there was going to be a man out there waiting to give you a million dollars, I just as well close the Bible, because you would not listen to another thing I had to say. In your mind, oh, I'm going to buy a new house, oh, what I can do with a million dollars. You would be fidgety, nervous, and certainly not interested in hearing anything else. Now why do you say that Bro. Jackson? He said that when He comes He will find two in the bed. If I knew what hour He was coming, why sleep? Do you get the point? Why sleep? Why go to bed? Why go to work? Why bother to do anything other than wait for him? As long as we are in this carnal flesh and only relate through it to natural things, we can become so hyper and so excited about certain things. Our main object ought to be that we keep a level head and do not allow ourselves to be carried away beyond measure with a lot of excitement. We could go down through the days, the weeks and such.

I have no doubt when we come to that hour when the voice of the archangel will sound, there is going to be things said to us, not to the church world, just to the bride Church, that will not be heard until then. Thirty years has come and gone since the first six seals were broken. That tape I mentioned yesterday, that I got from Henry Groover, as I listened to him, following him were five Charismatic preachers. Hal Lindsey, who wrote the book *The Late Great Planet Earth*, he was commenting. Two of these fellows are Canadian evangelists of the Charismatic realm. There were five altogether, and they all backed this man up. They all stated that Ezekiel 38 is the battle of Armageddon. Being without a revelation, they push the events of Ezekiel 38, on out beyond the 70th week of Daniel and the great tribulation. Then they are saying this, that the New World Order is the beast, and that the antichrist is going to be some super politician that is going to swamp the world with his rhetoric of peace, and that he can come on the scene any moment now. Brethren, do you know where that leaves us? The rapture can take place at any time. I know they are pushing this New World Order thing, but if you listen to this when it is shown to you, it will have just as quick an end as the great Russian perimeter of Communism. How quick that was: it was just like it was hit with a hammer. If Russia was actually going to be allowed by God to fulfill military maneuvers like I

explained, he said, they would have done it back in the 1960's. That was when they were at their peak. Kruschev stood in a corn field in Iowa and said, We will bury you. Well their economy has not been good. A lot of Russian people are wishing something would happen. There is no doubt that before too long, and it does not necessarily have to go back under a Communistic leader, but it is definitely going to be a nation that is going to have to play her part. Remember, God said He will put hooks in her jaws. He said, I will bring you down. Since that man said sixty percent of Russia's population, all through its southern perimeters are Islam, that gives us a clue: That is what ties Russia to the Islam world in the Middle East. No matter how it has been politically, or militarily devastated, in that respect, God will allow it to linger on until the appointed time, the time when He strikes.

WHY TIMES AND SEASONS?

Let us look again at 1st Thessalonians, chapter 5:1-14. Paul again says, "But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you." He is saying this to remind them, I have told you things, how to look toward the coming of the Lord. "For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the

night.” To whom will it be like that? Not to those who are watching for Him because of a revelation of the scriptures, but to the world at large. “For when they (who? The world.) shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, (the world) as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, (If this was applicable back then, those people are all dead, so we just have to say, These verses really apply to us, because we are a generation of Christians that is definitely concerned about the application of all of this.) and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do. And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love for their work’s sake. And be at peace among yourselves.” I still have a few more things I will state here in the light

of the voice of the archangel, so let us turn to Revelation, chapter 10, at this time. The night Bro. Branham started preaching on the seals, the later part of the month of March 1963, I will never forget as he referred to this setting here in the 10th chapter, as well as chapters 4 and 5 where he saw the Lamb come and take the scroll out of the hand of Him that sat on the throne. He said, Could it be that Jesus has left the mercy seat? After Bro. Branham’s death, Dr. Lee Vail stood in the Tabernacle pulpit and plainly said these words, There can be no one else saved. God will no longer speak in prophecy, and there will be no more dreams, and no more visions, because mercy is over. That man is an educated man. That is what educated minds get you into. Education has its place of course, in the world. I hope, when I take a seat in an airplane, that the guy at the controls knows exactly how to read those instruments. He needs an education. I do not want him to be guessing about what buttons to push and which switches he should flip on. Do you understand? There is a right way for an education to be used, but when it comes to getting a true revelation of the word of God, education is not necessary. When it comes to the things of God, education many times, just gets in the way. That is why the scriptures say, in 1st Corinthians, He has chosen the weaker things of this world, base things, and things the educated of this world consider to be foolish, to confound the

wise. Let me read here in chapter 10, the way it was brought out at the time, Jesus, this archangel, this is actually Christ in angelic form, here on earth. He was not on earth in angelic form to fulfill that scripture back then. As long as Jesus is still on the throne, this angelic being cannot fulfill that scene in Revelation 10, simply because the scroll was not fully opened back then. It still has the seventh seal holding it. He will not leave that throne position as long as there is one seal still holding the edge. Therefore if He is still on the throne, the earthly scene has to correspond, because it is still closed. However when this is said, it is open. That lets us know we have not yet come to Revelation 8:1. Between the revelation of the sixth seal and the opening of the seventh, we have a period of time when Jesus is still on the throne making intercession for you and me. Look at all the young people that have been born since 1963. That was 33 years ago. Look at all these young people, not yet thirty. There were very few people in this world that even knew William Branham preached anything other than just praying for the sick back then. How merciful do we think God is? We can say this, When those seals dropped down like that, that was to give the living Bride, those who are really Bride people, something to lock on to and hold to. This was to stabilize them now and start them on a course toward the end. It has been thirty three years since then, but I can truly say we are getting close to the

end, and somewhere in front of us that 7th seal will be broken. That is when you will have this angelic being standing there with one foot on land and the other foot on the sea. Jesus Christ is not on earth yet: It is the way Christ is projected there, that confuses so many people. When we see Him here in verse 3, it is after He has opened the scroll and is standing with His right foot on the land and His other foot on the sea. That is when He lifts up His hand toward heaven, "And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: (Actually this is the voice of the archangel, and this cry constitutes these two things. He is announcing an end to time for the Gentiles. Not that it closes at the strike of a clock, but it means everything will be set in motion to bring it to an end. He cried, yes, but that does not mean He was weeping. The word cry, means He yelled, YES! NOW IT IS TIME! You and I are not going to hear that, but it is going to have an effect in the spirit realm. I have to say, There is going to be some people dealt with by God when that cry is made. There is going to be some men somewhere whose spiritual mind is sensitive enough to the spirit of God to know just exactly what has happened.) and when He had cried, seven thunders uttered THEIR voices." Saints, it does not take a college education to recognize that the word their, is a word that is never used symbolically in any scriptural sense. Any time you find it used, it either applies to angels or living beings. I will put it in this

terminology; where we might be prone to say, and the trees were casting their shadows, but you do not read things like that in the Bible, simply because the language of the Bible is always so precise. The words that portray the thought, even the Hebrew that was used to write the original thought, or the Greek, somehow or other it is written in such a unique way, that translators cannot use certain things symbolically. The reason I am saying that, is because you cannot use their, which is a plural pronoun, in a symbolic language. You find in the book of Acts as Peter is preaching, and he is reminding the Jews of that day and hour, how that in the synagogues the people of that hour, hear the voice of their prophets. I run that word down to see what it is always implying. It is always implying either angels or men. It is never used in symbolic language. The point is, I have to believe the man that was a prophet to this Age, regardless of what this modern church world wants to think about it, was used of God to deliver a message that was so startling, so earth shaking and disturbing, that it literally awakened people all over the world, (but most of that awakening has taken place since his death.) That is what a shout is for. It is time to wake up. From the polar regions to the jungles of Africa, it has done its job. It is not the articulating sound of his literal voice that has been heard throughout the far regions of the earth, but words that came from him has become his voice, and it, in one

way or another has penetrated the deserts, the mountain regions, the jungles, even the asphalt jungles of our cities. It has awakened people of all walks of life. It woke up a lot of people that would have been better off if they had been left asleep, because they were awakened by something that did not take place in their own church circles and they have put together things he has said, and formed their own opinion of what was meant, and if you were to turn it into food, I would not feed it to a dumb animal. If you doubt what I am saying, I will let you look at some of this literature from the Philippines, as well as Africa and other places. We can be sure of one thing though, There is an elect people on the face of this earth that has been awakened, and even though they have been disturbed, worried and frustrated at times, and their minds have been taxed, thinking, I wish I knew who is right, they are still walking with God. God has let some people go through ordeals like this, and it has done something to their inner being. Slowly though, through the years, it has pressed upon their minds until it has brought together a people from all nations who are looking for truth and reality. It is because they are seeking to find that other brother or sister in the faith of Jesus Christ, that they are persuaded must be a part of the body of true believers that make up the true Church. This thing of individuals wanting to sit at home and play a tape, saying, I am not going to let anyone teach me: God will teach me

everything I need to know, is total deception. No, God will not teach those who have an attitude like that. He will stick a foot in their mouth. You become your own revelator and your own trouble maker, when you have an attitude like that. I have to believe that these seven thunders of Revelation 10:3, are seven men, but they are not going to be men that come out of the woods with halos and stars shining over them. No, they are human beings like you and me, but they are men that have been dragged through every kind of rotten deal the devil can throw at them. The devil is out there trying to clutter their mind and spiritual understanding with a lot of this junk others are always sending around. Somehow or other though, the grace of God has brought them through every kind of situation they have been faced with, even much adversity, because, allowing them to be treated like this gives them an experience to let them know how to cope with the devil's devices, and conditions in general that prevail around them. Then, when they stand and say something, it makes sense. Now the question is asked, Why seven men? I have heard some say, Well the Bible does not say seven men, so where do you get that? When Jesus came on the scene and was ready to start his ministry, why did He pick twelve apostles? They were to represent something. Keep in mind, There were only two tribes in the land in His day. The ten tribes were still out of there. Why did He not just pick two?

Because His message eventually was for the entire nation. Keep in mind also, that while His own personal ministry did not constitute it, but when Paul and those went into Asia Minor, it was Paul who said the gospel was to the Jew first. So it went to the Jews in dispersion. Then eventually there was a representation of those Jews in the regions of Turkey and such like. They were not in the Judaeen bunch back home, but they were of the others that the gospel message had to reach. The point is, twelve disciples constitute the representation of that whole nation of Israel. Here at the end of the age of Grace, we have seven Church Ages, and a messenger for each age. Why would God not close the era to the Bride by using seven men from different parts of the world? Especially because it in reality represents a wrap up, or completion of that which was to be accomplished in this dispensation. It is over. God has a time and season for everything He does. What John heard, was not for his day. John lived in 96 A.D., but in chapter 4 he heard a voice say, Come up hither and I will show you things which shall be hereafter. He was absolutely in the Spirit, and transported into future time. His body lay there on the island, but in the Spirit, he was projected into the future tense of time and the things he saw and wrote are related to the day that you and I live in. When he heard those voices he was about to write, but there was a voice that said, Write them not, seal it up. Did that mean God had

made a mistake? He never has a never will make a mistake. I know what Bro. Branham said when Lee Vail talked to him and some of you probably do too. Anyhow I heard Bro. Branham that night when he was commenting on the seventh seal, *You see the reason it wasn't written, He didn't want the devil to get hold of it, just as sure as something is written and he gets hold of it, he will make a wreck of it.* That just lets us know of prophetic revelation that is applicable to the living Bride, that by the hour this is applicable, is in perfect unity and harmony and ready to receive something direct from heaven. The Charismatic world will never hear it, simply because, if they did not hear Bro. Branham, and if they did not hear the first six seals, they do not need to know what the seventh one is. That is why I said, that on that man's tape, he said a lot of things that sounded logical, but when you sit back and look and listen and begin to see these other prophecies and they make no place for them, then it lets me know, God said He would send them a strong delusion, that they, (Who? The religious world) would believe a lie and be damned, because they have not the love of the truth. Now I want to say this, and I hope you will understand, because the Lord willing, I am going to take these scriptures that are all tied together and deal with them. There is no way a Charismatic preacher can take just one of them and put his picture of the end time together properly. We have a lot

of evangelists today, that are saying the coming of Christ is so imminent, the antichrist could come on the scene tomorrow. Well we know He is coming soon, but the main thing is, there are things that God wants you and I to walk through in the pages of His book before that happens. If we will walk through the pages of His book, we will not walk amiss. We will not walk after any of these ridiculous ideas that come to us in the mail or on TV.

POSSESSION OF CERTAIN WORDS

I have to speak certain things to you as I read this literature that was sent to me, because of what you see on the chart up there. I hope you will try to understand this does not make me some big I. I am just an insignificant fellow, but there are some people who would probably like for me to take some disease and die. Nevertheless that is in the hands of God. It was the year 1993, when in a dream I saw myself come into possession of certain words. In the dream I did not know what they were, but I saw myself take a piece of paper and write something down. I immediately said to myself, This is going to lead to something. Suddenly I was in possession of certain numbers also. I saw myself write them down. I did not know whether they were dates or numbers related to some

other subject or what. I immediately wrote this all down and began to say to my wife, Honey this is all going to lead to something. The scene changed and I see myself speaking to my people in Faith Assembly, saying, Set these words down and do not forget them. This is all going to come together and form a great picture of understanding something about the coming of our Lord. Then the scene changed again and I saw a large gathering of people. They were coming from all over the world. I see all these people assembling and talking about the great feeling they have inside their hearts about the coming of Jesus. Everyone that I saw coming had such an expression of happiness. At this time I noticed there was one thing about everyone who was coming to this great assembly. Each person had in their hand, not in their pocket, a small bottle of holy anointing oil. This bottle was no larger than a person's thumb. One thing was noticeable, each person had received their bottle of oil directly from God, not from man. No one was allowed into this great assembly unless they had their bottle of holy anointing oil. However there was no man standing at the door or entrance into this great assembly to check them. Again I see myself saying to people, remember these words, do not forget them, we are about to learn something. Then the scene changed again. At this time Bro. William Branham came into the scene. He stood in front of the assembly and began to speak. I could

hear him saying things that were lifting the heart's of the people into a great feeling of expectancy. My own heart is thrilled with what is being said. I hear myself saying in a low voice to those standing nearby, What did I tell you? Did I not tell you we are going to learn something? Do you remember those words I told you I had received? The atmosphere at this time was thrilling and the aroma coming from all those little bottles of oil was so sweet. Then the scene changed and I saw myself speak out to the people and say, I want to tell you of a dream I had concerning this great event. Then I began to speak to them the same words that I am now telling you of what I saw in this dream and what I had heard. It was while telling of the dream within a dream that I woke up at exactly 5:01 A.M. July 14th 1993. The move of the spirit started in a major sense in 1994. I have to say people are getting a little bottle of anointing oil, just enough to do the job. Just enough to fulfill what we are supposed to. We are not carrying it in buckets. Just a little bottle of oil. It is a personal Holy Ghost experience. Now I believe, and I have said this for years, Since this church world has taken Bro. Branham and made him look like a false prophet, God will take his image and project it to individuals in a way to convey certain things He wants them to see and understand. Just remember, this very thing was done in the days when Jesus walked on earth among mankind. Jesus stood looking at a multitude one day and said, Verily

verily I say unto you, there are some of you standing here that shall not taste of death until they have seen the Son of man coming in the power and glory of His kingdom. Several days later He took Peter, James and John with Him and they became personal witnesses of the very thing He spoke of. He took them up to a high mountain with Him. The Bible says He was transfigured there before them. The person of Jesus was transfigured from the apparel He was actually wearing, but He was actually changed into the personality or the person in glorification, the person He will be when He comes back to earth again. You will notice in that vision, that they also saw two Old Testament prophets standing talking to Him. Of course we have those in religion today who say, Oh you believe in talking to the dead. Well in the first place, we are not bringing them back from hell, or anything like that, but if God wants to send their image to stand before us for some reason, that is His decision. He does not send the person back, He just sends their image. The Holy Ghost is that omnipresent, omnipotent spirit, the very Spirit that is God the Creator, but just working in a different office work. He can take the image and expression of any person and project it to anyone He wants to, just like a movie screen. That is what He did that day. Those three disciples saw Moses and Elijah of old appear on the scene and heard them talk to Jesus about His pending death. Jesus, being God incarnate, stood there and listened

to those two prophets speak to Him about the things He was about to suffer. It is already written in certain scriptures how He is a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief and on and on. He knew that. But they were going to tell Him things that were not written, how that cross and dying and everything was going to be. Those disciples heard all of that and became witnesses of it. Now if that could take place then, to set a type, that before Jesus will appear visibly to this earth in His glorified form as Revelation 19 portrays it, He will be preceded in Israel, in the first part of that week, by two men moving under the anointing of Moses and Elijah, so what is so strange about that? That is why the whole thing was typed that way. The things they told Him He must suffer, were irrelevant to the next time. It was all for that immediate time, but it did establish the fact that God will use that method to prepare certain things. Well if God could do that back then, and the Bible shows that He is going to do it again in Israel, do you not think He could use a prophet's image the same way to an element of people in the Gentile world? He has already used it. I get letters from people in other nations, one here and there, how they have been through group after group after group. Their minds have been so subjected to the harassment of the teachings and things that are circulating around, nevertheless, once in awhile God would let the image of that little man break through to them

and that is what cleared the clouds of confusion. I cannot help but believe that God will play a trick on this church world some day soon, but something that will be so unique, you would not tell the church world ahead of time: for they would not believe such a thing. God knows, that when that hour of time arrives, you are not going to be telling it to anyone. It is just for the true bride saints.

EXPLANATION OF CERTAIN PROPHECIES

When I had the dream that I read to you, about the passages of scriptures and the chapters, at first there were seven that really began to stand out, but as time went on, it seemed like another passage of scripture would just drop down and begin to line right up in the picture. I have remembered from years gone by, after WW2, what prophetic preachers would say in regards to the antichrist, the beast, and so forth, and we know that all of that was just a school of thought. Certain points of what was brought out were true, and they are still true, but now we are hearing preachers who all of a sudden have jumped on the band wagon of popular thought and are saying, The New World Order is going to be the beast. They picture the antichrist as some super politician anointed of Satan, who has a slick, cunning way of saying things, and he will be seen as a man of peace and will deceive the world. Well I believe, and

not just because I am saying it, that this will put a picture together in your mind's that will let you know just exactly how it is all going to come about. There are a lot of details that time itself will fill in, how politicians think certain things. Remember though, no politician is trying to fulfill the Bible. He has in his mind certain things He wants to put forth as the objective. Then as certain things come along and time passes, God intervenes and wrecks the process of mankind, to make the whole thing go His way. We will see how it all comes together as we go along. Right now, I am going to ask Bro. Engman to turn to Amos 9:11-12. This is a scripture of prophecy, but it is also scripture that has two applications. It is a time motivator. "In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old: That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the Lord that doeth this." That prophecy was laying there some eight hundred years before the advent of Christ. When Peter was led to Cornelius' household, they came back to the Jerusalem church and told what happened. They, being Jews, began to question, What does all this mean. Later we find Paul and Barnabas, when they have gone to Asia, and God has done outstanding miracles. They too came back and give a report of the miracles and things. They are talking

with the elders and apostles of the Jerusalem church. As they are discussing this, it is the apostle James that God dropped that prophecy into his spiritual mind. I am going to read it so you can see why I call it a time motivator. IT is at the top of the list. We are in the 15th chapter of Acts. James picks up in the 15th verse, "And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, After this (Notice that he said after this, that is not the wording of Amos in the original. We have to understand this from the standpoint that he has a revelation, because he is going to separate two objectives.) I will return, and build again the tabernacle of David, (After what? That is the point. After what? James had the understanding.) which is fallen down; (At that time there was a temple still standing, so James is looking through the prophecy to a later time.) and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things." You will notice he never mentioned a thing about Edom. He separated the prophecy. He has taken that portion that is applicable to Gentiles and to a time, and set it in order. The rest of that prophecy still hangs there. Therefore we have been living for two thousand years under the dispensation of Grace as that prophecy has been in fulfillment. We are the people that He came among the heathen to take out of the heathen a

people that would bear His name. Now we just have to realize that the time for that is just about to close out. Here, is the 70th week of Daniel starting right here. (Pointing to chart) We are right here in the year 1996, just 3 ½ years this side of the year 2000, according to the Julian Calendar. Gentiles have approximately eight years of time left, if the calendar itself is right. This is what that red line represents. If that Roman Calendar is right, then we have eight years approximately, until that week of Daniel is ushered in. It means that something is being set in motion to cut the dispensation of Grace off. It is not that we are looking for something to go "BANG," and the change is made, but we can see conditions being set in motion that you cannot help but realize that grace to the Gentiles is now coming to a close. That means God will then be in the process of going back to the Jews to close out the time of His dealing with mankind in Regeneration, because He has already been fifty years bringing the Jews home, getting ready for the gradual rebuilding, restoring, settling the Jews back in the land. When the time is right, then the top part of that prophecy goes into effect. With that in mind, let me ask you, Why was Edom mentioned in it? It is important, and we are going to see this. When they say the New World Order is going to do this, and this, and this, sure, if God would allow them enough time, this is what would happen, because it is in their mind to bring certain things to pass.

However you cannot read Revelation 13 and see the reviving of the old Roman geographical territorial beast system, that has come up out of the waters for these last days, and get that out of it. It still has ten horns. It has now seven heads. It has one that was wounded, but healed. Therefore I would have to defy any prophetic preacher who tries to work a new world order into that picture. The New World Order does not have a thing on it that has been wounded. Anyone with any spiritual understanding ought to know that. IT is a twentieth century thing that has been devised by politicians who did not have anything in their mind about what picture the Bible portrays. In fact it is a detour, a substitute, because politicians of the world today do not want anything written in this Bible as prophecy to come to pass. As we get closer to the end, from the political and the secular world, everything will be set in motion to defy the reality of the Bible. This is why we are going to see God, for a little period of time before that week of Daniel is set in motion, literally shock this world into reality, by causing situations to go completely opposite to their thinking. I have to say, if it went the way these prophetic preachers are preaching it, God would get no glory in anything, He is not recognized in one thing. Now as we see the time motivator beginning to change, and know the Tabernacle of David is going to be rebuilt, we also know that Edom has got to be dealt with. Therefore I

will ask you to open your Bible's to the book of Micah, where we will read next. These prophecies have been laying here for centuries and they are written in such hidden ways, that when natural minded man reads them, he never knows where to place them. Many times prophetic preachers take the major prophecies that they can put together with a certain amount of accuracy and build a school of thought, then they treat all the rest of these minor prophecies as irrelevant, not giving them any importance, usually saying, Well, maybe they have already been fulfilled in some other period of time. It will not be that way. Let us read from Micah 7:11. This is a prophecy that is very relevant "In the day that thy walls are to be built, in that day shall the decree be far removed." This is speaking in conjunction with the time God has caused His people to be scattered to the ends of the earth, as we read in Deuteronomy, but in the last days He would redeem them and restore them, and of course when that has been fulfilled, it brings it to an end. "In that day also he shall come even to thee from Assyria (This is talking about the regathering of the children of Israel.) and from the fortified cities, and from the fortress even to the river, and from sea to sea, and from mountain to mountain." Verse 13 sounds like it is so insignificant, but it points to something that is very significant. "Notwithstanding (or however) the land shall be desolate because of them that dwell therein, for

the fruit of their doings.” That is talking about the Arabs that came in and occupied the land through the centuries that the Jews have been gone. Because of the way they lived, the cities have become desolate, run down, just in shambles. The country, the agricultural land had grown up in bushes, simply because the Arabs are not farmers. They have a few goats and a few sheep, and they just mostly sat around and smoked their Turkish tobacco and drank their strong coffee and lived to be 102. Why did you say that Bro. Jackson? In 1968, when we were at Mt. Calvary where Christ was crucified, there is a cemetery there, an Islam cemetery. When we were coming down from there, close to the gate, there were some Arabs digging a grave. We stopped and talked with them. We asked, was it a friend. Yes, he was 102 years old. If you could see these Arabs sitting, smoking their Turkish tobacco and drinking their coffee that looks like black motor oil, you would understand why I say this. Anyhow this is the key that unlocks the chain. “IN THAT DAY,” and that day is coming up. That is why things have been going like they have in Israel. That day is approaching. Let us now take it from verse 14. This is talking about how the children of Israel are to be fed in the land. “Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily in the wood, in the midst of Carmel: let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, (Gilead is over on the other side of the river, in

the land of Jordan.) as in the days of old.” That is a prophecy that foretells definitely that there will be Jewish people restored to those areas and they will feed there, they will eat there, they will live there as they did in the days of old. Here comes the thing that really opens it up. “According (God is asking us to go back to the book of Exodus and the closing of Genesis, and Numbers, we read it all through the Torah, the first five books of the Bible.) to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I show unto him (who! Israel) marvelous things. The nations shall see and be confounded at all their might: (Think what the western world has invented through modern military technology, weaponry, the kill power, the destructive means to wage warfare and lay land desolate, laser weapons growing in tremendous potential and all such like.) they shall lay their hand upon their mouth, (What is this a picture of? It is a picture of a person surprised, startled.) their ears shall be deaf. They shall lick the dust like a serpent, they shall move out of their holes like worms of the earth: they shall be afraid of the Lord our God, and shall fear because of thee.” I would have to defy any prophetic preachers that want to deny that this is going to be before the week of Daniel. Let me say this, Israel will be fighting no wars through this period. (During or after the week of Daniel) Once we get here, Jesus is coming and smiting the earth with wrath because Armageddon will

have been fought already. It has already left its devastation by this time. But now Jesus hits the earth with the wrath that will really lay things in a state of devastation. From then on the earth will be enjoying a thousand years of peace, so do not try to bring these scriptures over here. (Pointing to the chart) They have to be fulfilled between now and the time the week of Daniel starts. I realize it is a large category, but they overlap each other and constitute a picture of an end time prophetic development in the Middle East. Now we want to go to the scripture that tells us why all of this comes about. Go to Zechariah. The reason we can say we are close, is because everyone knows by now that since the Palestinian Arabs under Yassar Arafat, and the Israeli government under Rabin and Peres have for the past three years, been working on a plan that is coming to the forefront. It started out autonomy. That was the original plan, but I have a document at home stating that from 1991, 1992, through 1993, Rabin and Peres, with a French politician, had secretly designed this thing, and it was all agreed upon by Yassar Arafat, but it was never put out in the daily news. The Jewish people were deceived in this sell out of their nation to an Arab peace agreement. With that, it was agreed that Israel would eventually withdraw to the original 1967 war borders, leaving old Jerusalem as the capital of a Palestinian state. You never ready anything like that in the

daily Newspapers. This was a secret sell out. By 1994 there was a letter passed from Rabin through a French politician, (and it gives his name) to the Vatican. The Vatican accepted this plan. In this, by the time the year 2000 is approaching, Jerusalem will be handed over to the Vatican for a world city, representing all the three major religions of the world. The Vatican being the administrator of it. Sure, if God lets politicians do things their way, there are a lot of things that can take place, because they do not do things the way the book says they should. There is coming a time very shortly, when you can go to the Bible instead of to your World News Analysts, to learn what is going to happen next in the Middle East.

WILL GOD ALLOW ISRAEL TO BECOME AGGRESSIVE?

When you hear of someone getting shot, the world thinks that is horrible. That is a terrible thing, especially when it is for some senseless reason, but there are times when it is ordained of God. You ought to read a little of the history about the period of the Maccabees. They were priests, but they were priests that were loyal to the cause of God at a time when the rest had sold out to the Syrian government. When they disguised their weapons and planned that terrible massacre of priests, the modern world would call it

barbaric. Yes, but wait until God gets through with this picture that is just ahead. You are going to see God do some barbaric, inhumane things, according to the way the world looks at things: They will be things that will make the world shudder. He has got to do it that way in order to get attention to Himself. It says here in Zechariah 12:2, "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling." I have used a glass of water many times to illustrate a cup of trembling situation. It means every time you pick it up, the ones involved, there is something inside of them that makes them nervous. Nevertheless they are responsible, and they are required by God to become part of the picture. "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about," That is the Arabs: They are the ones that want it. They are the ones that want it. They are the ones demanding it. They are the ones that agreed with Rabin and Peres that it would eventually be turned over to them to become their religious capital, at the head of a Palestinian state. The Palestinians agreed it would be the religious capital because of their mosque, but the Palestinians in return were to administrate their state from another city, from the secular standpoint. Anyway when we see this, let us be assured that this is the key, this is the thing that determines how God will return and build again the tabernacle of David, and close up the breeches thereof when He is finished getting His Gentiles Church together,

He will also work in restoring and rebuilding all of what we are reading about. There is one thing noticeable, certain prophecies speak the major objective twice. That proves you cannot place that prophecy anywhere else, because it only belongs to a picture where there are other prophecies that speaks the major objective twice. I will show you what I mean by that. In the second verse it is talking about the Arabs getting involved. We have heard much about that. Yasser Arafat and the Palestinians are demanding a Palestinian state, with Jerusalem as the capital. I have the latest news from the Internet yesterday, everybody knows Clinton has been in Europe with the seven industrial nations, the political rich nations of the world. They are all broke. They are talking about world conditions. IT shows one line, and they all agreed that for there to be peace in the Middle East the Jews must be willing to give up land. That is what they think. But they will not give up land. Watch what I tell you. There may be pressures that come and politicians might try to maneuver into focus, but I will have to say this, If God wants it to go a certain route, you rest assured, He will let those Palestinians do a terrible thing by creating a massacre. God has to do something to make those Jews get their heads together. As long as they are secular minded, monetary minded, and they only want their land and to be identified as being a Jew, if they are not back there for a religious

purpose, then the land may as well be given to the Navajo Indians. It would make more sense. If a Jew should hear this, I want him to understand the picture, and I say, Shame on you, claiming to be a seed of Abraham and all you have on your mind is your identity. You want to be back in the land that was given to your father Abraham, for what reason? To make money? To be left alone? You know God did not call Abraham just to be a monetary head of some kind of political nation. God ordained that through Abraham and his seed there would be a revelation of the one true God, and through Him a plan of redemption one day would be unfolded and exemplified to every family and race on the face of this earth. Keep in mind all you Jews, We Gentiles got our Bible from you. It is your book. It is a shame you lost your way through it by your tradition. You look upon us Gentiles in ancient times as dirty dogs. We were. But we Gentiles today, the ones that are Christians, can look upon you Jews as stubborn, bull headed, and people that God has to beat something into your brain before you will wake up and realize who you really are. To those same Jews I will say this, That is what He had to do in Egypt, to get the attention of your forefathers and get them to the point they were ready to get out of there. Saints, Listen to me, The day will come when Jerusalem becomes an international problem. The Arabs will be the first ones to pick it up. That is what their conference was

all about last week. They all agreed that there should be a Palestinian state with east Jerusalem as the capital. That means somewhere in the days and weeks and months ahead, the Palestinian Arabs in the land, along with the counterpart where they came from, are all going to get their heads together, and start pressing this new leader, Netanyahu. He has already stated he will do everything he can to work for peace. I believe he will. But I tell you, That man is not a fool. The man knows the tactics of the Arabs. He will cause them to make the first move of course, and then he will do what he must. I believe it is safe to say this, The Arabs will have the first opportunity to negotiate and bring this about, but it will fail. Once it fails and every Arab has let his decision be known, still Netanyahu says never, no never. (*This message was preached June 30, 1996.*) Well the Arabs will be afraid to open up with warfare all of a sudden, because they have not forgotten 1967. They will first turn to the United Nations. No matter what they do, God has His own plans for them. Let us look at this 3rd verse. "And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it." It does not say round about, this time: It says all people. All that burden themselves with it is the international body of the U.N., New World Order peace negotiators. Notice though, what

God said He would do. They shall be cut in pieces. Though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it, they will not alter the plan of God one bit. They shall be cut in pieces. Why? It means the time has come when there are some things that are going to come together the way the Creator wants them to. There are things now, ready to be unfolded, that gets God's attention. "In that day, saith the Lord, I will smite every horse with astonishment." That is God's way of saying that everything the enemy brings against Israel, He will absolutely render it useless. The Arabs are not coming against the Jews with horses: We all know that. Horsepower is what you should look for, that which propels modern weaponry. Regardless of what they use, God will render it useless. We can see it also says in verse 5, "And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem shall be my strength in the Lord of hosts their God." This never would have been said as long as there was a Rabin and a Peres in power, because they had an anti-scriptural objective in all that they planned to do. "In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood." In other words, they are going to set the area of fire. They are going to agree together. They are not going to listen to politicians of the world any longer. They will tolerate it up to a point, but then, they will go the way they are supposed to go. Once the negotiations break down and the

leaders of Israel realize they cannot continue to go the route they have followed for fifty some years because it has brought them nothing but trouble, then they will go it alone. That is because in the final analysis Jerusalem must be restored back to its rightful inhabitants. They are going to get the revelation at that time. When Jerusalem has its Jewish inhabitants, then God will be their strength. It says, in the 9th verse, "And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem." That is not a military confrontation. That is a diplomatic, political confrontation. This is God's way of getting it out of the hands of international diplomacy and putting it back into the hands of the governmental leadership of the nation of Israel. Notice verse 10, how it puts you right in the 11th chapter of Revelation. "And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace." That means it is not going to be Arabs in Jerusalem that the spirit is going to be poured out upon, it is going to be Jews. In that light I believe we can say this, If and whenever the diplomatic negotiating process does break down, and Israel has to face the reality of how to defend what they feel is rightfully theirs, this puts them before God and the world. That is when they will realize they must go it alone. Let me finish reading verse 10. "And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of

Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for Him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.” Now let us look at the next prophecy, which is found in Numbers 24. When they were coming through the wilderness, in the days of coming out of Egypt, we know Balak wanted Balaam to come and curse this people. On three occasions Balaam tried it and did not succeed in doing so. Finally Balaam decides before he leaves the area he is going to say, Balak, Come, I want to show you something. Verse 14, “And now, behold, I go unto my people: come therefore, and I will advertise (or show) thee what this people shall do to thy people in the latter days.” Now saints, when the Bible says latter days, it did not mean in the Middle Ages. He is pointing down to the end time, the very time we are living in. Let us now move on down to the 17th verse. “I shall see Him, but not now: I shall behold Him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Scepter shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth. And Edom shall be a possession, Seir also shall be a possession for his enemies; and Israel shall do valiantly.” Come on, you denominational prophetic preachers, tell me where this belongs. No. It does not belong in the Millennium, nor in the week of Daniel. Then settle it in

your mind’s once and for all time, that it has to be fulfilled between now and the beginning of the 70th week of Daniel. IT tells us in that scripture what God is going to let Israel do. Why would God let such a thing be like this? You learn from the previous scriptures we have read, that when Israel approached this area on her journey they sent messengers to the king of Edom and asked, Can we pass through your land? We will not touch your crops, we will not get water from your wells and so forth, and the answer was very hostile, Indeed you cannot come through our land: If you start we will come out against you. Read the verses that followed. They did. God remembered every bit of that. When God remembers something, there is not a politician on this earth that can set an agenda to bypass His judgment. God will bring it right back around to them. Let us take that and go over to Zephaniah 2. This is a little scripture that sounds very insignificant. It appears to be. In the first part fo the chapter it tells what Israel will do to the land of the Philistines and Cherethites. That is on the Mediterranean seacoast. They did that in the Six Day War. Well they moved out of there because of Rabin and Peres. Then they moved out of the Jordan Valley. But they stopped short, they did not go across the river in 1967. But on down in verses 7 and 8 it tells us Israel will not stop by taking the land of the Philistines, they will cross the river and take the Edomites and Moabites. Well why Bro. Jackson?

Well it is very plain in prophecy. Keep in mind, that in ancient times Israel's borders were much different than what they are today. If I had a map hanging on the wall here and you could see the land Israel occupied in ancient times, you would better understand what the scriptures say they must shortly do. I would like for you to see a diagram of all the land previously occupied by the twelve tribes of Israel. Much of the land called Jordan today, actually belonged to parts of the ten tribes. It was the Edomites in the southern regions and the Moabites in the center and the Ammonites around where the capital Ammon is today. They were in the background. They were the Bedouin people in the Bedouin desert countries. They did not have major cities back then. They were a Bedouin type people, but they were a hostile people. They were always mistreating Israel at every opportunity. When we go to Zephaniah, the prophet tells us what Israel will do. He will not only take the land of the Philistines, he will cross the river and will sweep that land of Jordan, the Edomites and Moabites will go right under his sword. Here is the key, right here in the 11th verse. I am going to read it. "The Lord will be terrible unto them: for He will famish all the gods of the earth; and men shall worship Him, every one from His place, even all the isles of the heathen." Look in the dictionary for the word famish. See what it means. It means to starve them to death, or to die from hunger. Now you and I know, that in

ancient times the nation of Israel was related to other nations, our god and your gods. We do not relate like that: It is our religion and your religion. Therefore we just have to transpose this picture into modern times. The reason why that is very important, that He will famish all the gods of the earth, Let me just show you why. If God does not destroy some of the impact and influence of the Islam religion in the Middle East, then when we get to Isaiah 60, there is nothing coming out of Saudi Arabia to help build the temple. I defy any prophetic preacher to show me how a New World Order that does not see where these verses belong, can ever figure out that there is going to be a temple built between now and by the time we get to the starting of this week. It will never be built under U.N. jurisdiction, under a New World Order jurisdiction. It is going to be built along with the rebuilding of the old city Jerusalem, under the jurisdiction and supervision of the Jewish government, as they are guided by the hand of God. That is going to cause the antichrist to become very hostile. To think that already, in the Vatican, agreements have been made, then to find out that it is not going that route. Just watch, a lot of people have the idea that this would require years of time to complete. No. It will take just a few months. You have never seen God in action yet, like you will see Him then. When God get in action and He gets to moving toward the completion of this picture, it will all

come about very swiftly. He is not going to play around for years on end. He is going to tear your play house up and scatter it to the four winds. He will be worse than the big old wolf. Of course you may say, But how is He going to do this? You think it is not like God, to be out here over the desert blowing a big wind to destroy these gods. It is how He uses Israel and magnifies His power and miraculous workings and miracles, to the point that it literally blows the Islamic world back to reality. Keep in mind that the Arab world is half brothers or cousins to the Jewish people. When Ishmael was first born, He did not have one God and Isaac another. They both had the same God became they both had the same father. That is the way they lived for many hundreds of years. It has only been during the Grace Age, the Christian era, that this Islamic thing came into existence. Because of that, Islam as a religion, is a counterfeit to Judaism, just as Catholicism is a counterfeit to Christianity. Nevertheless Islam is ever so powerful in the Middle East. It started in Saudi Arabia in the area of Medan, which was named after the sons of Abraham with Keturah. Therefore in Saudi Arabia is where this Islam religion got its birth. By the time we come to the seventh century, and on into the eighth century A.D., it has been on the prowl military wise. It spread north into the holy land, and eventually into Syria, then it crossed over into Egypt and went across the North African

continent. It was not long until Turkey was under the spell of Islam. Egypt is 90 percent Islam, when, in the 3rd century it had been totally Christian, but Mohammad's army, under Mohammad the Great, beheaded Christians and tore down their church structures all along the way. The one's he did not tear down, he turned them into Moslem prayer towers. By the time we come to 900 and 1000 A.D. the whole Middle East has been swamped by Islam. It was all because they are a military conquering religion. It has been opposed to any Jew coming back to their land. It is opposed to Judaism. It tries to tell the world that Mohammad was the last prophet. He was a false prophet but they do not know that. Anyhow this picture has to change pretty soon in order for the scriptures to be fulfilled: For as it is right now, I challenge anyone to try to get one dime out of Saudi Arabia today, to build a temple for the Jews. Common sense would tell you there has to be a reason why Isaiah 60 reads like it does. That is not a picture over in the Millennium. It is not a picture necessarily in the last part of the week of Daniel. It is a picture that begins to unfold as they are approaching the necessity for that week, that there is a reconstruction, and a rebuilding of a city and a temple, because it is the Jews way of getting things ready for their Messiah. God is going to see that everything goes according to His plan and Isaiah 60, lets us know what His plan is. Here, is how we have to look

at it though, as we ask ourselves, How will He famish the gods of these other religions? He will work in situations that magnify Himself; and we are going to look at some of the instances the Bible mentions.

FINAL STAGE OF REGATHERING ISRAEL FROM DISPERSION

Let us go to Isaiah 11. We are going to skip Obadiah 1, for now because I want us to get to this part. We will start reading in the 11th verse. “And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And He shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and shall gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. (This is a complete picture of the eventual regathering of the whole nation.) The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim. But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east (in Jordan) together: they shall lay their hand upon

Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them.” That is exactly how it is going to be. God is not going to ask you what you think about it either. Well how long do you think it will take? Just about as long as it takes for you to turn on the TV and get it warmed up and choose what you want to watch. Why do I say that? You saw what happened in the Gulf War. Never has there been a time when total warfare was brought right into the living room of TV viewers like that one was. You watched technology being put on display; and saw bombs going down an elevator shaft. How would you like to have been on that elevator coming up? You would have a return signal very quickly. That was in a command center in Baghdad. When you mass four hundred thousand men on each side with modern weaponry, and only come out with a hundred and some odd casualties, if there is not the hand of God involved, I just have to say, I certainly did not look at that right! That is what we have to look at as we consider these scriptures that are yet to be fulfilled. When God opens this up, it is not how many casualties Israel has, it is how many casualties will God cause to come about among this entire bunch of people. There is something laying in the background of history and time that God remembers; and He is getting ready to even up the score. He has not forgotten how His chosen people were treated. He is going to make the world watch how He does the whole thing.

Let us go quickly to the 19th chapter of Isaiah and observe how the Bible says God is going to accomplish certain things. Just as it says in Zechariah 12 how the governors of Judah shall be like a torch of fire in the midst of wood, and the same in the sheaf of grain, it tells us here in the 19th chapter of Isaiah how God will work in this instance. We are going to start our reading in the 14th verse. “The Lord hath mingled a perverse spirit in the midst thereof: and they have caused Egypt to err in every work thereof, as a drunken man staggereth in his vomit. Neither shall there be any work for Egypt, which the head or tail, branch or rush, may do. In that day shall Egypt be like unto women: and it shall be afraid and fear because of the shaking of the hand of the Lord of hosts, which He shaketh over it.” Here is how an old school teacher expressed it, Listen son, you listen to me: That is God shaking His hand at Egypt. Now I say, Listen to me Egypt: I am looking straight at you, as I read this. “And the land of Judah shall be a terror unto Egypt, (Why? Because she will have governors that have only one objective in mind; and that is to fulfill everything necessary for the preservation and security of the statehood of Israel.) every one that maketh mention thereof shall be afraid in himself, because of the counsel of the Lord of hosts, which He hath determined against it. In that day shall five cities in the land of Egypt speak the language of Canaan, and swear to the Lord of hosts; one

shall be called, The city of destruction.” Let us just transpose that to a modern picture. If I had a map, I could show you better, but when Israel does this, when she take Edom, Moab, and the Ammonites, her borders will stretch to the border of Egypt. She is going to do it in such a miraculous way, Egypt is going to be scared half to death. Keep in mind, That is God’s aim, to scare them, to create such a fear in them they will not have an ounce of resistance left. When five cities in the land of Egypt say, We want to speak the language of Canaan, They are not talking about some old antique language. They will want to speak Hebrew. Why? Because they want to be on the level of the Jewish people. We want to serve your God. Naturally we realize God will have to wake them up first. You follow that on, it tells what is to happen in Syria. The point is, All of this big block in this area is now under the Islam religion. When God lets this little nation with a few airplanes and tanks become so magnified and so powerful that all these people have to see this, he is a devil, he is a demon, I use it that way to illustrate the terror involved. Because God remembers things from ancient times. Since the Jews have been out of there for two thousand years, these Arabs have walked over this land and boasted of what they would do. They are like a bunch of looters. You went to California and stayed for six months. You locked everything up, and when you got back

everything was still there, but these Arabs have ransacked everything over there. Who told them to come in and take the land? God never told them to do that. They came in there, thinking the Jews would never come back. Go ahead and read a little further and see what it says. I ask you, What is so important about Edom? What did Edom do? We know it says over in Numbers that Edom refused to let Israel pass through, but when you see Obadiah, he prophesied in 800 and something before Christ, over two hundred years before Jerusalem and the two southern tribes were carried into captivity by the Romans. (I am going to try to portray it in a dramatic way.) Edom, living on the other side, they are in high country. When the Babylonians came from the east and encamped about the city of Jerusalem, there is sitting across the valley on Mt. Zion, and the bright sunshine mornings, the walls reflected a beautiful white line. (Read Obadiah.) Thou stood on the other side, thou watched, in the day of thy brother' calamity, you should never have done that. When some of them tried to escape, you went out and cut them off and turned them over to the enemy. You jumped up and down with glee when you saw what the Babylonians were doing to your brother. Yes, Edom is Esau's descendants. Esau was Jacob's brother. In Genesis, Esau did not treat Jacob that way. As long as they were alive, those two got along together, but when their grand children

came along, that is when things began to go wrong between the two families. Yes those Edomites stood over there clapping their hands. They were waiting for the Babylonians to get finished, and then, here they came. (Read Obadiah) When the Babylonians had taken away and killed prisoners, then it says, You were as one of the strangers: you came in and looted, and you drank upon my peoples land. In other words you were like scavengers along with the rest of them. You are not a bit different. Try to think of those thousands of Jews that were led away from there, tied, stripped naked, humiliated. All the way to Babylon they went, a captive people. (Read the 137th Psalm) This is a Psalm written by the exiled Jews in Babylon. It tells how they hung their harps on the willow trees. They say, How could we sing the songs of Zion? In the 7th verse it says, "Remember, O Lord, the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem." Why that? Because they stood on the other side and said, Raze it. How many know what raze means? Tear it down. Tear it down to the foundation. These little prophecies have been laying here all that time, scattered throughout the Bible, and very little attention was ever given to them, but now they are coming to the surface. Every single one of them will be fulfilled. The world will not want things to go the way these prophecies proclaim, but they will be powerless to stop any of it. That is why I said when Israel did what they did in southern

Lebanon, called the grapes of wrath, because some artillery shells fell in that U.N. camp area and killed over a hundred refugees, You just need to hear the full story. They were really Arabs that had taken refuge there, but back then the whole western world media blamed Israel. Why did you do that? Israel came out two weeks later and told how they found out through intelligence reports that those commanders in that U.N. base had tolerated these Hezbollah leaders to use that base as a planning place, and bring their families in their with them. They had planned their strategy: they would take their rocket guns out a hundred and fifty meters and some a hundred meters, then fire and come back in there. Israel said, What do you think we were doing, just shooting? We knew what we were shooting at. They demanded of the U.N., why did you allow that? Why did you not tell us you were giving sanctuary to the people that were after us? You did not even warn us. Why? It is that type of maneuvering that God does not like. We might have modern, very political, intellectual teachers and philosophers that believe anything outside of that circle is barbaric, but just stick around for a little while longer and you will see what God is going to fill your mouth with. When you see God turn Israel loose on their enemies, you are going to go to bed one night and stick your head under the pillow and cry, Oh God, why do I have to live in a world like this? Well, if you had taken

seriously what is written in God's book, you would have known what was coming. God is getting sick and tired of all this political rhetoric, especially when He knows they defy Him to the utmost limits. He does not care how those blasphemers come to their end. If they cannot recognize Him now, why should He tolerate them later? Why should He let them exist on His earth when they want to desecrate it and mar the entire picture? Well I will just leave it like that. We every one know what God is getting ready to do, simply because we believe His word. No I am not ending the message, we still have quite a bit more to look at.

IS THE DAY OF THE LORD NEAR?

I want to go over to the book of Obadiah. This is a one chapter prophecy, but I will probably not read all of it at this time. I am going to pick up in the 15th verse right now. This was written almost three hundred years before the fall of Jerusalem which came about by the Babylonians. The first invasion was around 606, the next came about 598, or somewhere near there. Then there was another one. This people standing on the other side in the high mountain regions, no doubt looked on anxiously. They could see the skyline of Mt. Zion. They no doubt rejoiced when they were able to hear

the clamor of the battering rams and the artillery, which was none other than giant slings that threw huge rocks at the walls and gates to tear them down. God, through the prophet Obadiah, years in advance, spoke this. God is accurate, and we can read the conclusion of all this as He has warned the people here in the 15th verse. "For the day of the Lord is near." That is a fact as we read this: It is just out there a little from where we are right now. By looking at this, we are going to be able to see and understand why Amos 9 was worded like it was. That is the prophecy James spoke of. Because the promise of it was, after He had done this, meaning come among the Gentiles like He has done, then, after that, He would return to build the tabernacle of David, closing the breeches thereof, that they might possess the Edomites. God knew exactly when that time would come, and that the world would be in such a political state of mental attitude toward the Jewish people, which had been brought back out of dispersion, there would be no way that the Jewish people could go back into that land and start building, without being met with hostility, opposition, and world political indifference. The end result then, is that in order to be able to do this building, they would have to contend with the opposers first, and it would be the Edomites who are the major element of opposition. They are the people, along with the Moabites and Ammonites, that slowly filtered

into the land to take up residence. After the fall of Jerusalem, they that did that became known as the Palestinians as time passed; and that is what you have living there today. They are the descendants of many centuries of gradual immigration from the Bedouin desert countries, which lay beyond the river of Jordan, into this land of Israel. You would have to know the history of the Crusaders to understand everything about the picture. There were three great periods of the Crusaders. The armies out of Europe carrying the Christian flag, naturally were of Catholicism. Their aim was to go to the Holy Land and free it from this Islamic religion, which to them was a scourge. Islam in the Holy Land, was no worse than Catholicism was in Europe. The two, are both anti scripture. One is anti Jewish and anti Judaism, Catholicism is anti Christianity and anti Word. I have been there and seen where the ancient battles were fought. Those Arabs that came in there were Islam, but many times the Crusaders would win out, only to remain there for a period of time and again out of the back country, and from across the river, here would come a great flow of the Edomites, the Moabites and the Ammonites, to put together another large Arab army. Then the last time they drove the Crusaders out, that was the last time the Europeans ever endeavored to send forth the Crusaders for that purpose. From that time on the land of Israel began to become more and more peopled by these ancient

Edomites. That is how they happen to have such strong holds there today. Of course those that are there today will say, I was born here: This is my home land. Sure they were born there, but let us not forget, there is a very specific deed set forth in the Bible, that says the Jews own that land. In the prophecy of Ezekiel, God said He would bring them back and establish them according to their former estates, which is actually the way you would read a deed in the ancient landmarks. Turn to Ezekiel 36, verse 8, and let us read a few verses there. It is God speaking to the land, so notice, "But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people of Israel; for they are at hand to come. (9) For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown: (10) And I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, even all of it: and the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes shall be builded: (11) And I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bring fruit: and I will settle you after your old estates, and will do better unto you than at your beginnings: and ye shall know that I am the Lord. (12) Yea, I will cause men to walk upon you, Even my people Israel; and they shall possess thee, and thou shalt be their inheritance, and thou shalt no more henceforth bereave them of men." Now if these ancient landmarks are actually to be obtained, then we have

to realize, there will be accuracy the way God wants to fulfill things. Therefore as we consider the era in front of us before there can be any possibility of building the city the Jews will have to take some more land, and that is what the era of the miraculous is all about. We will learn if we live until the rapture takes place, that around about the beginning of the 70th week of Daniel, just before the week starts, we are going to see this in motion. We are going to hear of what is going on in the Middle East and the world as a whole, will not like it, but it will be fulfilling the word of God. As I said earlier, There is no way, once this starts, that the politicians and diplomats of the combined western world can stop it. They cannot stop what God has started. God will show His power and sovereignty in such a way that there will be no mistake about whether He is doing it or not. He will use the elements of nature to literally bring devastation and destruction to any opposition, from any source that might want to put something out there in a military way to thwart the onslaught of what He uses Israel for. Here is the end to this one particular people, the main object, as it speaks, "For the day of the Lord is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, (meaning Edom) it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thy own head. For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain, so shall all the heathen drink continually, yea, they shall drink, and they shall swallow down, and they

shall be as though they had not been. But upon mount Zion.” Listen to this, how it jumps from the great sweep Israel will make upon land of these people, and the end object is that this same people and territory become a part of the kingdom of Israel as she passes through the week, heading into the Millennium. Whatever God uses for Israel to obtain the finished product here, will still be their property once it passes on through here (using the chart, pointing to land that is now occupied by Arabs) We do know that the antichrist in this period, does desecrate the temple. He kills the two prophets and sets himself up in the temple as God. God will allow that, but God only gives him forty two months to fulfill all of what the scriptures say he will do. Then God destroys all of that at the coming of Christ with the armies of heaven. This then restores to Israel all of what He has redeemed, this now puts Israel back into the spotlight, because in that day Israel will be the main nation from which the King of kings and Lord of lords rules and reigns. This is why it goes on here to say, “But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, (This is social, national, racial, and everything else for everyone that is going to be found fit to be able to live under the reign of Christ.) and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions. (That is merely saying the house of Israel shall possess these people’s possessions.) And the house of Jacob shall be a fire,” Well, if the

house of Jacob is going to be a fire, this lines up with the governors of Judah according to Zechariah 12. It goes to show many times these prophecies come in groups of three’s because each one backs up the other one. In Zechariah 12, it says, And the governors of Judah shall be like a torch of fire. We can turn to Zechariah 12:6, and read that verse, “In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem.” Then it says in Isaiah 19 that Judah, and this is speaking of that element of Israel as a war tribe, Judah is the lion people, they are the military people. It says in Zechariah 10, that out of Judah comes the nail, comes the bow, everything that God has in mind to restore it back to preeminence, Judah is the beginning of all of that. Therefore she is the leading tribe. No wonder that out of Judah, comes forth the Messiah. God will so anoint Judah as a people and lay upon them the obligation and responsibility to set these prophecies into fulfillment. “And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, (This shows us the house of Joseph is the ten tribes as they are to be brought back and united with the two southern tribes that are called Judah, which still holds that identity for this last day picture. We will catch this as it goes along.

“And the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, (The house of Esau is the Edomites.) and they shall kindle in them, (in Esau) and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau; for the Lord hath spoken it. (He spoke it almost three hundred years before the Babylonians razed it.) And they of the south (This is talking about the Jews that began to settle in the southern regions of Judaea.) shall possess the mount of Esau; and they of the plain (This is also of Judaea.) the Philistines: and they shall possess the fields of Ephraim, and the fields of Samaria: and Benjamin shall possess Gilead.” That of course is across the river in the land of Jordan. This begins to put all of the tribes of Israel back in their perspective. How could this be, if we take away from Israel her right to fulfill these prophecies? That is why I say, It is not how these prophecy preachers today want to present the picture, it is how the Bible presents it that counts. They just have about four or five prophecies that they put together, and then they give you a make shift picture, but when you listen to them, they say very little if anything at all about Israel doing anything valiantly. They look upon all those prophecies as irrelevant to reality. When anything in the Bible is spoken concerning an event to be fulfilled, it will be fulfilled exactly as it says. This is why, when Jesus came upon the scene the first time, after He had fulfilled His ministry, He told His

disciples He would be crucified, and then He rose from the dead. In the 14th chapter of Luke it plainly tells you that when He had arose from the grave in the morning, that night He came among the disciples where they were gathered, and it tells what He said to them. Beginning with the prophets and the Law and the Psalms, He concluded, all these scriptures have been fulfilled. He did not leave out any one of them. Therefore every scripture of that was a prophecy laying in the Old Testament, Jesus confirmed it to the disciples that they could rest assuredly, everything that is there pertaining to my appearance, what has happened to me and so forth, has all been fulfilled. Well saints, if that could be true in that way, it also means that every scripture pointing to this day will be fulfilled also. We will see how it is going to be. “And the captivity of this host of the children of Israel shall possess that of the Canaanites, even unto Zarephath; and the captivity of Jerusalem, which is in Sepharad, shall possess the cities of the south.” Obadiah gives a good characterization of the whole thing, but here is a verse that has a sort of mysterious appearance, but we still ought to understand in time where it is to be applied. “And saviors shall come up on mount Zion (That is where Jerusalem is.) to judge the mount of Esau.” Saviors, well we know Jesus is the Savior. How many understand? Jesus is the Savior of man’s soul for salvation, but this is pointing to how Jesus, with His Bride, are on earth, and

time has passed through here, and we are getting ready to start the Millennium, and we know the Millennium begins with a great scope of judgment. This is none other than the Bride of the Lord Jesus, taking her rightful position in the earth from where she was taken. She makes up the saviors, plural. She is not saviors for salvation, she is saviors for deliverance of the earth and the society that is to live on the earth during the Millennium. Do you understand that? Let us back that up by going into the New Testament. We find this in Matthew 19:27, Jesus has just told the disciples, He that has forsaken all, and such like, and Peter asked Him a question. Notice, "Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? (28) And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me in the regeneration, when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. (29) And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life." When Peter asked, Lord, what shall be our reward, the reply was very specific. Ye that have followed in the regeneration, when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of His glory, and that is what we are talking about, the beginning of the

Millennium. That is when Jesus will take that throne. The word regenerate means to renew, put back into accessibility the beginning of a new kingdom that will restore to the planet earth and to a mortal people that God is going to use, to establish and bring all of this about. Since the Jews are to possess the Edomites, the Moabites and the Ammonites, that means they are going to be absorbed into their kingdom. It goes to show that these people will actually lose their identity as far as being an autonomy people. How many understand what I mean? They are going to be absorbed into the household of Israel. That is why we have to look at this word saviors. As Peter was told by Jesus, and ye shall sit on twelve thrones, to judge the twelve tribes of Israel, and so forth, that is in the Millennium. Naturally the kingdom starts with that, but we have to realize this, whatever else is to be included in this judgment, it is God's way of selecting subjects from the people, that are going to be allowed to live under His (Jesus') reign. What will these subject nations be fore? They are going to be like a servant people to till the earth, to work and to be the people, putting together their talents and abilities to restore back to this planet earth a right way to do things, and to bring back and restore an environment. These environmentalists today are trouble makers, but in the Millennium they will do their work according to the perfect will of God. We are going to find out in the day of God's wrath, that

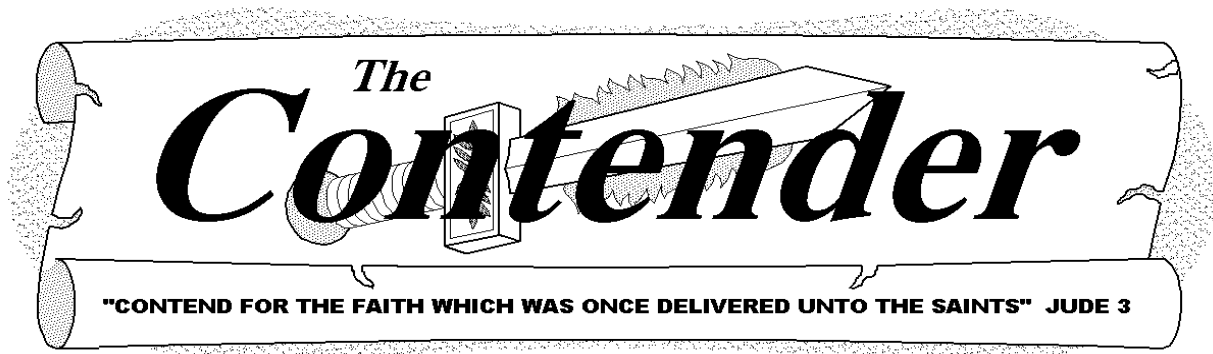
everything they have started in our day, will just about all be blown to pieces. They talk about smoke in the atmosphere, and we do have it, and I am not talking about letting the factories spue out all the sulfur dioxide and stuff like that, but they just simply go too far. Common sense should tell us man has polluted his environment. In many places of the earth today, people have little babies born with bodies that have been very adversely affected. Man has actually set in motion a means of eventual destruction, if God was to allow the time for it. But when these people are so concerned about the earth's environment, that they want to spend billions of dollars to save a spotted owl, it goes to show how stupid they are. They want to shut down logging crews because they want to do this and do that. Wait until God rises up to shake terribly the earth. That is going to happen as we enter into this period of time, and then as He constitutes and fulfills it at the end of that week, that is when He pours out His wrath. Think of the pipelines that flow with billions of tons of oil, they will be disrupted and burst into flames. The natural gas lines all over this planet earth that flow from the interior regions into the large metropolitan cities, they are going to rupture and burst into flames. Then think of the earthquakes that begin to devastate cities built on mountainsides and such like. Think of the chaos, the tidal waves that sweep inland. Do you not think that will bring a lot of ruin

and cause a lot of pollution? Who is going to be there to put the fires out? I just have to say, There is going to be a lot of smoke go up in that day that is going to pollute the environment, but I am persuaded that the Creator never does anything in vain. I have to believe He has got something else in mind that He will restore, some kind of ozone layer to protect His planet as it is facing an era of being renewed. This is why it says saviors here. They are going to be immortal Jewish Bride saints. It will be their job to rule and reign over this kingdom of Israel as she has been brought back into the spotlight. That is why it says in Isaiah also, that in that day the law shall go forth from Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem, and all nations shall flow. A lot of people have said, all nations. Here, is what it says. Isaiah 2:2 "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. (3) And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." We don't know how many hundreds of thousands of people will be spared to pass from this side over here to start the Millennium. One thing is sure, there will not be as many as there are now, but there will

be enough, in the eyes of God, to get the job started. I have been in the land of Israel. Common sense tells you that you can only put so many million people in a square mile, so we leave those details in the hands of God. As the planet earth starts that era of the Millennium renewal, a redemptive process, it can start out with a very small population. Since we know according to Isaiah 65 longevity of life will be restored to the mortal people, by the time we have gone one hundred years, humanity will be repopulating and we will have an earth with a lot of people. Common sense will tell you only so many thousands of these people can go each year and make their appearance in the city of Jerusalem, so we have to believe what really is implied here is that out of those masses of people, there will be representatives that will represent their people, their kingdom, to the capital, to the King of kings and Lord of lords. That is common sense. That is the practical way of looking at it. Let us go to Ezekiel 25, for a little look at what we are pointing to. If we can get a complete picture in our spiritual minds, why it is so important that this picture of the Edomites, the Moabites and the Ammonites are mentioned in so many prophecies, we will then have a better understanding of why it is written in so many places. Here in Ezekiel it gives us another picture of how this vengeance of God is going to be executed. We pick up in verse 12. "Thus saith the Lord God; Because

that Edom hath dealt against the house of Judah (meaning in the days of the Babylonians) by taking vengeance, and hath greatly offended, and revenged himself upon them; Therefore thus saith the Lord God; I will also stretch out mine hand upon Edom, and will cut off man and beast from it; and I will make it desolate (Listen to this) from Teman; (a city of Edom) and they of Dedan (That is on the west side of Saudi Arabia) shall fall by the sword. (14) And I will lay my vengeance upon Edom by the hand of my people Israel: and they shall do in Edom according to mine anger and according to my fury; and they shall know my vengeance, saith the Lord God." You have to get a military picture in order to understand this sweep. If you can put the picture together, it is God's way of saying, I will use this little nation of people, and once it starts I will make a sweep with them. It will not only hit Egypt, it will hit Edom, the Moabites, the Ammonites, and it will reach into Saudi Arabia. It will not take God five years to bring all of it to a climax. It will be such a miraculous war, and with such devastation, but it will not be designed by Jewish military men. It is how God will put Himself in the nation, in its leadership. Actually it is God's vengeance. Let me say this, If God ever gets angry at your enemy, when He says vengeance is mine, it will be good for people to understand, that when God gets even for you, He

makes a good job of it. That is exactly what He intends to do.



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