

**„Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever“**

(Heb. 13:8)

# CIRCULAR

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Dearly beloved in Jesus Christ, our Lord, in all countries and languages I greet you with 1. Peter 1:24-25:

*“For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever (Isa. 40:6-8). And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.”*

The apostle Peter took the Old Testament Word and presented it to us as the New Testament Gospel. Everyone can trace the convincing evidence how everything that was foretold by the prophets was perfectly placed by the apostles. John the Baptist placed his ministry (Jn 1:20-28). Jesus placed His ministry (Lk 4:17-21). Peter placed the great event on the Day of Pentecost upon the Word (Acts 2:16-21). We could continue to show that everything was based and placed correctly in perfect harmony of Old and New Testament. This we shall do briefly, only touching the subject of a prophetic ministry having before us Psalms 105:15: *“Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.”*

Exactly the same words can be read in 1. Chr 16:22. Of greatest significance is the word “My”, *“Touch not **mine** anointed, and do **my** prophets no harm.”* Through the history of time there were many false, but only a few true prophets. Especially for the last days false prophets and false anointed ones are predicted to be in great numbers. The complete testimony of God’s holy Word must be used to test them. True prophets with a commission connected to the plan of salvation are chosen from their mothers womb (Jer 1:5). At all times such prophets were the supernatural mouthpiece of God on earth. The Word of God came to them directly by vision, therefore they were called seers (1Sam 9:9). And with an audible voice the Lord spoke to them, *“For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost”* (2Pt 1:21).

*“Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets”* (Am 3:7). The prophets mentioned here are those with a special commission. They only appear when God is about to do something extraordinary on earth. There was Noah, Abraham, Moses, Elijah and there were others.

There was John the Baptist, Peter, Paul and John to whom the final revelation of Jesus Christ was given. Would one fancy to compare the ministries of those mentioned men with the ministry of Bro. Branham, then his probably would be the greatest. Who ever has heard or read the sermons or even watched the film “Deep calleth to the deep” is acquainted with the special ministry given to him as he was praying for the sick after the preaching. He was the only man who had received the commission from the Lord for this supernatural ministry which came by discernment and revelation as the **Sign of the Messiah**, the resurrected Lord, who is the same today, and who has given the last sign to the Church now, as He did to the Jews and the Samaritans then.

Who ever read Bro. Branham’s personal testimony is informed that the Angel of the Lord did not only say, that he would be given two signs as Moses was, but the Angel who came to him on May, the 7<sup>th</sup>, 1946, mentioned a number of Scriptures: He referred to John 1, where Nathaniel is being spoken of, when our Lord by revelation and discernment told him who he was and where he had been before Philip called him, and he also referred to John 4, where the Lord ministered as prophet and Son of man and revealed to the woman at the well all the things she had done in her life.

Bro. Branham said, “I am just as helpless as you are, and you know I’m waiting for something, I’m waiting on the Angel of the Lord.” Only after the Angel of the Lord stepped onto the platform and the pillar of fire, the supernatural light, descended, he started to minister to the person upon whom this light came, and God showed him what he should do.

Almost before every healing service Brother Branham related to John 5:19, “*Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.*” Brother Branham emphasized rightfully that Jesus Christ in the days of His flesh as prophet, as Son only did what the Father supernaturally showed Him in a vision. Please read this text very carefully. “*Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he **seeth** the Father **do**: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.*” In a vision He saw what God wanted to do and according to the vision which He received from the Father the Son did likewise. In the same way, Bro. Branham could do nothing, he was totally helpless until God began to work in His supernatural manner.

This ministry of discernment and visions was absolutely perfect. Everything revealed to him was 100%. Brother Branham said, if one person in this world could get up and prove that one thing which was revealed was not correct, he would carry the sign “false prophet” through

the streets of the city. I have witnessed this infallible ministry personally in Europe and in the U.S.A. on different occasions. I was sitting opposite Bro. Branham when this divine gift was in operation. What no man on earth could know was revealed to him. Needless to say that I was speechless and overwhelmed.

In reference to this ministry, I wish to underline once more that hundreds of recorded messages are still available as a witness of what I just said here. There are many imitators, and they were already in great numbers during his lifetime, and they are still with us. They place themselves on the platform, point to someone in the congregation and say for instance, "There is a man who has a stomach trouble. There is a lady with gallbladder trouble. There is a couple whose son has deserted the home" and so forth. But those things are not proven to be right or wrong like it was in the case with Bro. Branham. To him God revealed, as it happened in the ministry of Jesus Christ, the names, the places, and the details of those who stood before him in the prayer line or sometimes even of those who were seated in the congregation. The Lord did the same when He visited Abraham: He revealed to the prophet the very thoughts of Sarah's heart. Not one of the imitations can be the original. God doesn't want this **unique ministry** to be imitated. According to God's plan and purpose it happened as the last sign to the Church and cannot and should not be imitated, as our Lord's ministry could not be imitated even by one of the apostles. The impersonators have drawn the attention of those who easily believe to them. But in reality, they are not part of the God-given message for this day. Things are simply said and done to impress the congregation. Those who practice it like to be looked upon as special men of God and claim that it is supernaturally done through them. They are sincere, but one can be sincerely wrong. God, not a man, will judge all things according to His infallible Word.

The whole Christian world knows about believers who respect the ministry of William Branham and consider him to be the end-time prophet who was to come before the great and terrible day of the Lord (Mal 4:5; Mt 17:11). Because there are various directions amongst those who refer to him and claim to believe his message which partly derive from some quotes, a clarification is urgently needed.

The differences are not in the main doctrines of the Scriptures, since all the hidden mysteries in God's Word were revealed, but they are simply private interpretations resulting from misunderstandings. From the first to the last book of the Bible everything was plainly made known. The fall in the Garden of Eden, Godhead, water baptism and all the rest of God's truths were preached in its original form and meaning by God's servant and prophet William Branham. Whoever ministers now can take the Bible,

go to the pulpit and preach the message of the hour in the light of the revealed Word of God. The assertion that nobody understood the Scripture was certainly valid, but thanks God, since the Word was divinely revealed, we now correctly understand the Scriptures. In fact, we were brought back from all the explanations to the original Word of which Bro. Branham himself said, "This is my absolute." Nothing can be added or taken away from the written Word of God.

### **New Testament pattern**

Most of the believers seem to have completely overlooked the fact that God does not only send main prophets, but He also promised different ministries to the New Testament Church. THUS SAITH THE LORD, "*Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes (teachers)...*" (Mt 23:34). Luke also refers to the ministries, "*Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles...*" (11:49) Apostles, prophets and teachers have a special responsibility to share everything with the Church including the message God has sent through a main prophet for the age.

Because the ministry of a true prophet is so different to the rest of the established clergy, only those who find grace before God would receive him. Therefore, our Lord gave the promise, "*He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward...*" (Mt 10:41). Of those the Lord had sent He said, "*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me*" (Jn 13:20). To those the Lord directly called and sent He said, "*... as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you*" (Jn 20:21).

The Lord kept His Word and has placed the promised ministries into the Church: "*And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers...*" (1Cor 12:28). In Eph. 4:11, evangelists and pastors are also mentioned. According to God's holy Word, all these ministries are needed for the edification of the Body of Christ. The end-time message includes the restoration of the ministries and of all things which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the time began (Acts 3:21).

In the Book of Acts we find the confirmation of what the Lord promised, "*And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch*" (11:27). "*Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers...*" (13:1) "*And Judas and Silas, being prophets...*" (15:32) These were minor prophets sharing the ministry with the apostles and teachers. Yet the whole Church benefitted from the various ministries.

Now the Church needs those ministries just mentioned in the way they were originally placed into the Church. This includes men who had the ability to place a prophet's commission so completely into the Scripture that even the critics could not defy. We don't need men who feel that their calling is to introduce Bro. Branham through the sixties, seventies and eighties and maybe even through the nineties. What would anyone have said, if Peter or Paul would have introduced John the Baptist for ten, twenty or thirty years and always would have just repeated themselves continuously year after year? What then did the apostles do? They placed the ministry of the prophet God had sent biblically, and they themselves also became part of the continuous work of God according to the plan of salvation. Only someone who is placed by a direct supernatural call into a ministry that is ordained to the Church has the God-given ability to place the ministry of a major prophet. Otherwise he is just a reporter, storyteller or is playing religious politics.

It certainly is not enough to speak about a messenger and a message. We have to reach the final goal that a ministry was sent for, which is the total restoration of all things before the Return of Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21). As certain as the Lord said, *"I will restore"*, and as certain as He said, *"I will send you the prophet Elijah who will restore all things"*, we must expect a total restoration of the Church of the living God.

During the opening of the seven seals Bro. Branham was asked the following question: **"Would the Bride of Christ have a ministry before the Rapture?"** He answered, **"Sure. That's what's going on right now. The Bride of Christ, certainly! It is the Message of the hour – the Bride of Christ. Sure, She consists of apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists and pastors. Is that right? – that's the Bride of Christ. Sure, She's got a ministry, a great ministry – the ministry of the hour..."**

First God uses one man to furnish the material for the rest of the ministries in the Body of Christ. In the light of the prophetic Word everything is placed where it belongs. *"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth..."* (1Pt 4:11) There is no place for imagination, for philosophy, for interpretation, for assumptions. What we say, God must have already said in His Word.

From the Scriptures we clearly see, that God had prophets for special purposes connected to the plan of salvation and to them the Word for the hour came. We also understand that He had placed the ministries into the Church to take the Word revealed to a prophet and share it in the same Spirit and revelation with God's people. *"Now, there are diversities of gifts,*

*but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administration, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God who worketh all in all” (1Cor. 12:4-6).*

### **Only God is infallible**

Whoever has read the Scriptures knows that God permitted even the greatest prophets to do things which showed that they were only human. Such men sent by God including William Branham were not infallible. The infallibility for ever remains with God alone. It should be permissive to look at this great man of God and see him as someone who loved to fish and to hunt, and also as a preacher who had the right to say things the way he saw them.

The apostle Paul made a distinction admitting his human side, “...*but to the rest speak I, not the Lord...*” (1Cor 7:12) Men of God, apostles, prophets are able to say things the way they see it. Therefore, it is essential to take everything back to the Bible, verifying it at least in two or three places and putting it upon the solid foundation of God’s word which remains for ever. This, of course, was almost totally neglected by the so-called followers of the end-time messenger.

A two-hour sermon he preached was simply not **THUS SAITH THE LORD** all the way through, as some claim. Neither was every prediction equal to a prophecy, as many say. Anyone who knows how deeply I appreciate Bro. Branham and his ministry will understand the pain I’m going through while mentioning a few things in order to help those who put infallibility upon a man instead on the Word of God.

The spirits of idolatry crept in, and instead of the Lord Jesus Christ, William Branham became the main object. Ministers who were close to the prophet make one golden calf after another and don’t even care what the Word of God says. They simply apply to certain quotes which are usually taken out of context and misplaced. God in His infinite wisdom, who knows all things, permitted His servant to say things which were contrary to one another, sometimes even in important matters. In spite of that, things would have gone well and there would have been no confusion, if men had not risen and picked out some special things of their own interest to fit their own views and doctrines. All those who called themselves and even placed themselves as pastors should take the following words seriously which Bro. Branham said about a divine calling, **“No one has a right to step on the pulpit unless he had an experience like Moses and met the Lord God face to face.”** A heavenly calling is a must for someone who has a ministry for the entire Church.

Because this important condition of a divine call was not applied, many rose up, some even took things which obviously are more a slip of a tongue than a revelation. They thereby prove that they do not have part in the prophetic teaching and apostolic ministry God placed into the Church.

Bro. Branham for example said that there were seven hundred, instead of seven thousand, who didn't bow their knees before Baal. Instantly, there were such men who claimed that this was a special revelation and made a doctrine out of it. At a number of times Bro. Branham said that the 144,000 would be gathered on Mount Sinai, which apparently was a slip of the tongue, because the Scriptures says that they will be gathered with the Lamb on Mount Zion (Rev. 14). Believe it or not, but there are such men who claim to be leaders in this message and have taken these statements which were made in a hurry as to be a special revelation. To top it, some have tried to find Mount Sinai in the Israel of today and claim to know where it is. Against the overwhelming biblical evidence, Mount Musa (Sinai) was exchanged for Mount Karkom. Even a brochure was published by "Tucson Tabernacle" about it. This goes beyond anything one can comprehend.

When Bro. Branham spoke about the seventy weeks of Daniel, he had the whole congregation repeat, **"One week equals seven years."** A few minutes later he said, **"...then there's one more week left for the Jews. Is that right? And that's exactly seven years."** A little later he said, **"The moment He starts the seventieth week or seven years, the Church is gone."** Then he said, **"This is what the Holy Spirit put upon my pen while I was writing."** All who are acquainted with the sermons know how many times he spoke about three and a half years left for the Jews.

In the sermon "Ten virgins" he said that the rider on the white horse in the first seal was the Holy Ghost. Later it was revealed to him that it was the antichrist in his first stage. About the great multitude in Rev. 7 he once says, it would be the bride, then again he makes the statement, it were not the bride. In one sermon he says that *Jesus* confirmed the covenant with Israel for three and a half years according to Dan. 9:27. In another message he teaches that the *antichrist* will confirm the covenant with Israel according to Dan. 9:27. There is a vast difference between Christ and the antichrist. It is absolutely unacceptable to use the same verse for both.

The God of heaven who knows all things has permitted that such uncomprehensive statements were made – perhaps because He doesn't share His glory with anyone. If someone glorifies a prophet and lifts every statement he makes above the Word of God, such a person is guilty of committing idolatry and thereby is going astray!

How often did Bro. Branham say that the Church finishes with Rev. 3 and appears again in chapter 19. All from chapter 4 right to chapter 19 is for the Jews, he said. Then he himself preached about Rev. 4 and especially on the opening of the seals, chapter 5 and 6. It is very clear that the first four seals go parallel with the New Testament Church right to the end. The fifth seal concerns the Jews, past and future, and the sixth seal pertains to the tribulation. Many times he did refer to Rev. 10, especially to verse 7. How many contradictory statements could I list, one after the other!

Because I have translated hundreds of sermons into the German language, I know about the things which do fit 100% and also about the things which simply don't agree. While translating, one cannot just read or listen to a sermon in a hurry, because first he has to comprehend what is being said before conveying the same into another language.

Bro. Branham states that he read several books, also the one of Dr. Larkin from which he copied the time-space and periods of the seven Church ages found in the named book on pages 130-131. Another one is "Usher's chronology of the Hebrews". It seems that this was the one which impressed him about the year 1977 being the seventieth jubilee. He went as far as to saying it would be the jubilee of the going up with the gentile bride and the return of Christ to the Jews.

This great man of God saw the end time in a vision. That I believe with all my heart. Five of the seven major things he saw are already fulfilled. But then he speaks as William Branham, and it is not the Lord speaking through him. Quote: **"That was in 1933, and I predicted that there would be some great tragedy happen to this United States before or by the year of 1977."** In the vision most certainly Bro. Branham saw the United States destroyed. The time he fixed was as William Branham in his prediction, not by a divine inspiration.

Such discrepancies cannot shake a true believer. On the contrary: it behoves us to go back to the Word of God. It doesn't touch the greatest ministry of all times which God entrusted to His servant and prophet in the twentieth century. **It only teaches us the importance to know how to differentiate between a prophet speaking and between God speaking through the prophet.**

The summit was reached when a small booklet with the title "By 1977" was made available to the public by "Spoken Word Publications", Jeffersonville, U.S.A. This, of course, was done after Bro. Branham went to be with the Lord. An euphoria set in by those who claimed to be leaders of the believers in the end-time message, and they made this subject more or less to the main point of their preaching. The brethren of the U.S.A. and

Canada who entered into the international ministry around the middle of the seventies were not able to discern between the clear statement of our Lord Jesus Christ Himself that no one, not even the Son and the angels in heaven, would know the day or the hour and between a well-meant prediction wherein the same William Branham said, **“I could miss that a year, I can miss it twenty years, I could miss it a hundred years.”** God simply doesn’t miss a minute. I still have the cassettes wherein some of these men enthusiastically shouted into the congregation “I am going out of here! I don’t care whether it’s before or by or in 1977!” For a few minutes the whole congregation was transformed into a trance, shouting, crying, jumping, clapping the hands, celebrating the man who made the false announcement. I recall the ads in local newspapers, emphasizing the year 1977 and giving quotes of William Branham.

Up to this date, I have not met a single brother, saw a single brochure or heard one cassette where one of the many has given a correction. In the contrary, always something new was introduced to keep people in expectation and suspense. Although these men were not ministers of the Word but taken up with enthusiasm, they are still held responsible before God now and in the day of judgment, because they did not discern between the things William Branham predicted and the **THUS SAITH THE LORD** he proclaimed. They are guilty for giving the whole religious world the impression that William Branham prophesied those things which did not come to pass, and therefore gave reason upon the basis of the infallible Word of God to declare William Branham a false prophet.

God and many of you know that I was led to give the correction in circular letters, for which I was almost stoned since people had the impression that I lifted myself above God’s servant William Branham. God is the judge and He knows my heart: I was compelled to do what I did and said, because some noticed in the calculation a ten-year difference and therefore fixed again the year 1987/88. I had to say that also this time would elapse. Whether someone believes it or not, but I was so impressed by the Holy Spirit that hopefully after this last possible human prediction we should be totally alerted and know the time for God to act out His plan of salvation has come. The time is not only at hand – now the time is here! All who are of God should line up with His Word and become part of it, reject every explanation and interpretation and don’t mix things again. The Bride does not come out of a mixture, but is rather a pure product of God’s original Word which now becomes flesh through its fulfillment within the Body of Christ.

## **The final work**

In various circular letters I have shown from the Scriptures that the Lord Himself will complete His unusual work (Isa 28:21). Whoever has read the sermons of Bro. Branham knows the great expectation he had to see the final demonstration of God's power among God's people. He states, "I saw it unfolding." The Lord showed him what would take place at the end right before the Return of Jesus Christ, our Lord. He spoke about the "tent vision", about the "third pull". Most certainly the Lord will speak at that time and He will have those who pronounce what He spoke and it will happen before our very eyes. Mark 11:23 and John 14:12, both scriptures are in the plural and they can also not be broken.

God will once more move the heavens and the earth (Heb. 12:26-28). At that time the THUS SAITH THE LORD will take place, *"And it shall come to pass in that day, I will hear, saith the Lord, I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth"* (Hos. 2:21). *"Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvellously: for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you"* (Hab. 1:5).

Those who will participate in what God is going to do will not only hear about it, they will experience it. Before the rapture, outstanding things will happen within the members of the Bride. Thereby rapturing faith will rise very high. As Bro. Branham saw, there will be missing members of the body restored through direct creative miracles. That coincides precisely with the Holy Scriptures. At the Return of Jesus Christ will be fulfilled what Paul wrote by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. In 1. Thess. 4, he showed us the pattern of the Return of the Lord, and in chapter 5 towards the end he writes, *"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."* We believe that what God's Word says here will become a reality during that time. Also the following verse is very comforting, *"Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."*

Not only a few and, as some believe, just seven men will have a special ministry. No, the Lord Himself through the Holy Spirit will move all over the earth and will do the same things wherever those gather who are part of the Bride. Miracles will take place in soul, spirit and body. Many demons will be cast out from the believers who are motivated by evil spirits. Every soul will be delivered from the spiritual prison and taken out to enjoy the glorious liberty of the children of God. It will be as it was in the days of the apostles with Ananias and Sapphira. Nothing wrong will remain in the midst of God's people. At that time, the Scripture will be fulfilled, *"He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still"* (Rev. 22:11). There will be no more false brethren, no

false prophecies, no false doctrines during that short period of time within the members of the Bride. Before the total changing of the body of the believers, faith will rise very high by the things which will happen in body, spirit and soul at that time.

The things we expect and preach today will then happen. Because nobody knows exactly the sequence of the things we need to wait until God's time comes. At that time, there will be a pleasant, a heavenly atmosphere in the midst of God's people. Now we speak and preach about love and about the things which God should do. At that time we will live it and experience it by the grace of God.

Bro. Branham saw this final, mighty work of God and he brought it into connection with the seven thunders according to his expectation. He had already preached the seven Church ages, then he had the mighty experience of the appearing of the supernatural cloud, about which he said, **"The reason that was such a tremendous thing, that He spoke of it here and showed those seven thunders and Look and Life magazin there, packed that circle of cloud of light..."** Anyone knows that *Science* magazine on April, the 19<sup>th</sup>, 1963, and *Life* magazine on May, the 17<sup>th</sup>, 1963, did not report about any event connected to Rev. 10. What is the report dealing with? Bro. Branham speaks of it as the seven thunders, but refers to the supernatural light which appeared in the sky on Feb. the 28<sup>th</sup>, 1963. He had seen a vision and heard a tremendous blast of seven successive thunder claps. Because of this tremendous experience he frequently connected it to the seven thunders.

He preached about the seals as they were divinely revealed to him, all the time expecting great things to take place. The only thing which according to his understanding remained were the seven thunders.

I'm acquainted with all the quotations he made about the seven thunders and I'm going to use the ones which fit best into the Bible pattern. **"Let's turn to Revelation 10 just a moment, so you'll get an understanding before we get into it. Now, this is at the end-time, for listen: 'And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, ...' If you'll notice that's Christ, because He in the Old Testament was called the Angel of the Covenant, and He's directly coming to the Jews now, for the Church is finished"** (Seals, pg. 72). Nowhere is our Lord Jesus shown as the Angel of the Covenant or as the lion of the tribe of Judah in connection with the New Testament Church.

**"And when the seals are broken and the mystery is revealed, down comes the Angel, the Messenger, Christ, setting His foot upon the land and upon the sea with a rainbow upon His head ... And**

**here He returns back in the 10th chapter after the coming time”** (Seals, pg. 74-75). That fits perfectly into the time-table.

After William Branham made so many statements about the seven thunders, he says by divine revelation, **“... no one would know His coming; they also would not know about this seven thunder mystery”** (Seals, pg. 576). Of course this profound biblical statement is totally ignored by those who label any private interpretation as the revelation of the seven thunders. The fact that there are so many of them in existence proves in itself that they are all wrong. Whosoever speaks in the name of the Lord will be silent where the Bible is silent, and will only speak where the Bible speaks (1Cor. 4:6).

Without hesitation, I declare upon the authority of God’s holy Word that the seven thunders of Rev. 10 will utter their voices at the time when the Lord shall come down as the Angel of the Covenant and set one foot on the land and one on the sea *“...and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices”* (vs. 3). What the seven thunders uttered was not written and therefore did not become part of the Word of God which we should preach.

*“And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven. And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever...”* (v. 5-6).

I further declare upon the authority of God’s holy Word that this event will take place according to Dan. 12:5-7 precisely three and a half years before the very end. *“...he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven and sware by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.”* The prophet Daniel saw the Angel raising both hands towards heaven and swearing by Him who liveth for ever; John saw the Angel holding the open book in one hand and raising the other one to heaven and swearing by Him that liveth for ever. It is just perfect, as perfect as it can be, because in the days of Daniel, the book was not yet in His hand. He is the original owner, He opened it in chapter 5, and in chapter 10 He comes down with the open book from heaven. It is just wonderful.

No one on earth is entitled to say something that is contrary to the clear statements of God’s holy Word, because the Holy Scriptures is also the final and the absolute in this point. All explanations, all interpretations, all revelations being called “the seven thunders” are herewith declared null and void in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In reference to the seventh seal, applies the same. I declare upon the authority of God’s holy Word, that at the realization of the seventh seal

that which is written in Rev. 8 from verse 2 will be fulfilled. There will be about a half an hour of silence in heaven at the moment of the opening of the seventh seal, a holy hush will move through heaven. Verses 2 to 6 inform us precisely of what happens right in connection with the realization of the seventh seal.

Anyone who reads the text will notice, at that time the last prayers of the saints – the elect from the Jews (Dan. 7:18; 7:25; 7:27; Rev. 13:7; 14:12) – will have come before God on the golden altar. Then the censers in which the prayers were brought before God will be filled with fire from the altar and cast upon the earth. The description is very clear. At that time, the mercy seat changes into the judgment seat, for then also the election of the Jews is completed.

Finally I declare that the unchanging God does all things according to the same pattern from the first to the seventh seal inclusive. Anyone who wishes to be informed of what happens in the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth seal does not stop by reading only the respective first verse of the seal. No, we continue to read the whole content pertaining to the seal. I find no explanation as to say that Satan, the master-deceiver, has put a veil upon the people to hide this simple truth and deceive them into so-called special revelations etc. Please don't stop by reading Rev. 8:1, but continue to read in order to find out and to know what will happen at the time of the fulfillment of the seventh seal. Every other explanation, interpretation or revelation called or named "the revelation of the seventh seal" I declare herewith null and void.

The way in which Rev. 10:1-6 will literally be fulfilled in the successive order at the appointed time as described in the Scriptures, the same way applies for the seventh seal. John declared, "*And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets...*" I believe, what John saw will take place. If anybody sees something else in connection with the seventh seal, he is simply not right, because John saw the right things. If someone adds something to the Scriptures through his own interpretations, he must be aware of the consequences. It seems that the fear of God has left the people. They simply don't know what they are talking about. People of God, return to the Lord and to the simplicity of His holy Word!

### **Joint venture**

Since many years the cooperation with various brethren in the different countries has been very effective. The time seems to be ripe to extend the right hand of fellowship to all who don't depend on a meal ticket and on a support from people, but are called by God who will supply all their needs

for a brotherly working together. Here in the local Church in Krefeld I like to mention the brethren who have known me personally and have experienced the beginning and the developments of this ministry for twenty, thirty and more years. They are still with us. Bro. Russ and Bro. Schmidt and other brethren have stood true to the cause of Christ, even in the times of storm during the year 1979. Some were expecting the end of this ministry, but by God's grace we can testify that many people came to the Lord and into the knowledge of the truth. The numbers of those who in recent years came to the meetings here, in other European countries and all over the world were not only hundreds but thousands.

As already known, Bro. Alexis Barilier from Lausanne, Switzerland, with his team is serving the French speaking people and is doing a great work for the glory of God. During this year he made a number of mission trips, and his personal ministry was a great blessing to many.

Also Bro. Joseph Baranowski and Bro. Joseph Di Prossimo from Belgium made journeys to French speaking countries in Africa during this year. Their ministry was greatly appreciated.

Brother Etienne Genton is busy almost day and night to translate the sermons into the Italian language, he is also printing and sending out the brochures. In the last meetings on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November, 1988, in Turin a big theatre was filled with people for the special convention. The ministry obviously bears richly fruit.

Bro. Franco Forestieri and the team with him are also busy with printing and doing all they can to serve God's people with the spiritual food in our season.

Bro. Markku Vuori in Finland is also working hard, translating and printing to make available the message of the hour to the brothers and sisters in his country. God has blessed his work.

There are many brethren who could be mentioned, especially those in the Eastern European countries, in all of Asia and all of Africa with whom we have cooperation. My two-weeks trip in August, 1988, through the Soviet Union was not only a blessing to several thousand believers, it was a breakthrough for the end-time message. Who would believe that I was given a long interview by the state television and also received half a page of newspaper coverage?

It is a special privilege for me to hear about the wonderful way the Lord is using some of these brethren. If one member is blessed, we all rejoice in the Lord.

I invite all brethren who share in the end-time ministry to lay aside all the pet doctrines and ideas which caused division and unite in a last effort to reach the ends of the earth with the greatest message of all times.

From the Mission Centre in Krefeld we are serving God's people in 134 countries. The heavy financial burden connected to this work is carried mainly by the love gifts and offerings from the German speaking countries Switzerland, Austria and Germany. Others like our dearly beloved friends in the Alsace, the formerly German speaking part of France, also our friends from Belgium, from Australia, some even from Canada and the U.S.A., also special friends from Finland support this mission outreach. At this time I take the opportunity to say thank you, may God reward and bless you for what you do to further the Kingdom of God at this very end-time. Please pray for me and for all who are called to the ministry that God would bless us, unite us and be with us.

Again a year is nearing its end and we truthfully can say that God has blessed the ministry as never before. Many victories were won for the truth in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. For the year 1989 I wish you all God's richest blessings. May we be found in His perfect will and partake of what He does right now.

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**Ministers' meetings**  
**March, 1st through 3rd, 1988**

God willing, a special European conference will be held with ministers and elders in the Mission Centre in Krefeld, Germany.

Theme: The Word – our Absolute

First meeting                      01.03.1988                      19.30 h

Last meeting                      03.03.1988                      14.30 h

We kindly ask those who respect God's Word as the final authority to join us during these special days. Please inform us as soon as possible of your intended participation to enable us in order to plan for food and accommodation.

Those who prefer to stay in a hotel and are able to pay their own bill should also inform us accordingly. The food and lodging for the three days and nights here at the Mission Centre is free of charge.

The international ministers' meeting will be held here in the Mission Centre, should the Lord tarry, in 1990. God willing, it will be announced well ahead of time. May the will of God be done.

I am looking forward to hear from all the brethren who have taken their stand for the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

By His commission

*Bro. Frank*



Above: The photo shows a part of the attendance in Karaganda, 2,600 km past Moscow, in August, 1988; below: a meeting in Turin, Italy, during Nov. 1988.





Bro. Frank and his interpreter, Bro. Etienne Genton, in Palermo, Sicily,



Bro. Frank with the Russian newspaper carrying the half-page interview.