

“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.”

(Heb. 13:8)

CIRCULAR LETTER

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Special greetings to all of you, my beloved Brothers and Sisters worldwide, with the Scripture from 1. Ths. 2:13:

“For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.”

Since my calling, the Almighty God has accompanied me for almost half a century now on my missionary trips into 155 countries, fifteen of which are Islamic republics. As with Eliezer, He has always given grace for the journey (Gen. 24) and has called out from all nations people who believe according to the Scriptures. All those who are part of the Bride Church can come to the well as Rebecca did to drink the water of life and eat the bread of life. The Holy Spirit leads them into all the Truth through the proclamation of the Gospel.

Since the days of Abraham, God has not only foretold the way with Israel, but also with the Church. Through Abraham, who believed God from the first encounter and obeyed Him (Gen. 22:1-19), all the generations on earth were blessed: *“And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.”* (Gen.12:3; Rom. 4:17; Gal. 3:6-14. a. o.). In Isa. 49:6 we read: *“It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.”*

From the very beginning, God has required faith and obedience,

which brings us in contact with Him. Unbelief and disobedience separate even the elect from God. We can see this with the people of Israel and in the Church. Then even all worship by the believers is in vain. The LORD Himself said this of His covenant people Israel: *“This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.”* (Mat. 15:8-9).

Through the prophet Jeremiah, the LORD God stated, *“Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.”* (Jer. 7:23). And He admonished them with these words: *“How do ye say, We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us? Lo, certainly in vain made he it; the pen of the scribes is in vain.”* (Jer. 8:8).

Such a Word should shake us to the core: Wherever man-made commandments and creeds are established, there any worship is in vain. The LORD requires that the true worshippers worship God in spirit and in truth. It is a divine must. *“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”* (Jn. 4:23-24). This is dead serious, in the truest sense of the word: Real worship can only take place with those who are indeed in the Word of Truth and in the Spirit of God. Upon closer examination, any self-made worship by mankind is useless and in vain because they all have their own doctrines, their own ideas and creeds (Mk. 7:6-9). Today that applies to every church, every denomination, and every religion since they all are miles away from the original biblical proclamation and practice and have replaced them with their own doctrines and dogmas.

Only true, personal faith together with a personal experience of salvation, as Abraham had it, counts. The living faith is anchored in the promises of God, leads to obedience, and connects us with God. During the first covenant, the heart remained unchanged; the Word was written on tablets of stone. In the New Covenant, by the power of the completed redemption, God grants a new heart, a new Spirit – the Holy Spirit – and the new, divine, eternal life to the ones who come to

believe in Jesus Christ through an experience of salvation. Even today it is about the true scriptural faith and the total obedience toward God and His Word.

The everlasting, original Gospel as it was proclaimed through the apostles by the commission of the risen LORD is now being preached to all nations for a witness (Mat. 24:14). At the end of the time of grace, those who let themselves get called out will be led back to the beginning, to the doctrine of the apostles. That is the only true biblical foundation (Acts 2:42; Eph. 2:20). Only what God has promised through His prophets in all of the Old Testament and what is written in the Holy Scripture comes to fulfilment in the New Covenant. The Apostle Peter left it unto us in this way: *“Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.”* (1. Pet. 1:12).

God purposed a plan of Salvation before the foundation of the world. HE wanted sons and daughters, therefore the manifestation in the Son, the Firstborn among many brethren through Whom Alone we have received the adoption of sons (Gal. 4:4). God has given promises which He fulfils from the beginning, also the ones that find their fulfilment now, before the Return of Christ. All true children of God are as Isaac children of promise; they believe the Word of promise and receive the Spirit of promise (Rom. 9:8; Gal. 4:28; Eph. 1:13).

The Bride Church is now being called out from all nations and is led into the Word of promise and thus made ready for the coming of the Bridegroom.

The Coming for the Bride

We are now expecting the second coming of our LORD, which is described nineteen times as *Return* in the New Testament. The promise for it came from the lips of our beloved LORD and Saviour; it is written in Jn. 14: *“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”* (vv. 2-3).

In Heb. 9:28 we read the following about the first and second coming: *“So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.”* Amen!

The Apostle Peter wrote about this subject in 2. Pet. 1:16: *“For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our LORD Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.”* (Mat. 17; Mk. 9).

The Apostle James encouraged us in chap. 5:7: *“Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the LORD. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.”*

Paul wrote about this important subject three times just to the church at Thessalonica: *“To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our LORD Jesus Christ with all his saints (who died in Christ).”* (1. Ths. 3:13).

“For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the LORD, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the LORD shall not prevent them which are asleep. 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 ...” (1. Ths. 4:14-16).

“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.” (1. Ths. 5:23).

Brother Branham spoke of three comings of Christ in connection with the Bride Church:

“He came once to redeem His Bride.

He comes the next in the Rapture to catch away His Bride.

He comes again in the Millennium with His Bride.” (March 18, 1962).

In Mat. 25:1-10 it speaks of His coming as Bridegroom: *“Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.”* The wise virgins who are ready at the Return of Christ form the Bride and will go in with the Bridegroom to the marriage supper (v. 10).

In Rev. 19:7 we read: *“Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.”*

Even to the last chapter of the book of Revelation, it is always about the Bride. In chap. 21:2 it states: *“And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.”*

“And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb’s wife.” (v. 9).

In the last chapter, we are finally shown the total conformity of Bride and Bridegroom: *“And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”* (v. 17).

After this, just as directly at the beginning, comes at the very end once again the serious admonition that nothing may be added to the words of prophecy in this book and nothing may be taken away from what is written therein (Rev. 22:18-19; Rev. 1:1-3).

Other comings

In Mat. 24:29-30, our LORD said, *“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: 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.”* (Mat. 24:29-30).

This coming falls into the time span after the Rapture, even after the time of tribulation, and has absolutely nothing to do with the Bride Church. It is in direct connection to the sixth seal, which intro-

duces the day of the LORD. For there it states: “And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood ...” (Rev. 6:12).

Already in Rev. 1:7 it is announced as follows: “Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.”

Also the Jews will then wail, thus it is written in Zec. 12:10b: “... and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son ...”

In each Scripture is the key to the event that is taking place. It is easy to recognize when it is about another coming and not about the Return of Jesus Christ to take His Bride home. This also applies to Mat. 25:31-46: “When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats ...”

In 2. Ths. 1:7-8 it once again speaks of another coming: “And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the LORD Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our LORD Jesus Christ.”

Also the coming in Rev. 16 has nothing to do with the Rapture of the Bride Church. During the sixth vial and the preparation for the battle of Armageddon, the warning goes forth: “Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.” (v. 15). It is in connection with the day of the LORD, as can be seen from the following Scripture: “For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the LORD so cometh as a thief in the night.” (1. Ths. 5:2). Here it is about Israel, just as in Zec. 14, when the LORD comes and steps with His feet upon the Mount of Olives.

The LORD addressed the Word in Lk. 12 to those who shall be

ready when He comes down after the marriage supper: “*And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.*” (v. 36). God’s Word is perfect! Amen.

“Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.” (1. Cor. 2:12)

It is the indescribable grace of God that we can correctly place the Word of Truth according to the Scripture. All brothers who really serve the LORD are partaking in the distribution of the spiritual food of the revealed Word, and together we may say, just like Paul, “... as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.” (1.Ths. 2:4).

No prophet or apostle has called me, but the LORD Himself. As the one sent by Him, I not only may, but I *must* proclaim the whole counsel of God in this time.

“*Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God.*” (2. Cor. 5:20). The true believers cherish the apostolic-prophetic teaching and are grateful for the ministry that is taking place now, which brings them back to the original Word.

Whoever does not believe and accept the written Word of Truth in every detail about any subject, also when it is about the Return of Christ and the different comings, such a person is, as Paul wrote to Timothy, “... *proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth ...*” (1. Tim. 6:4-5). To such people God sends strong delusions so that they are damned to believe false doctrines which are nothing but lies (2. Ths. 2:12). As many times before, once again 2. Jn., verse 7, has to be emphasized here as well: Whoever does not believe that the same LORD who rose bodily (Jn. 20) and ascended bodily to heaven (Lk. 24:50) shall also return bodily (Acts 1:9-11) has not only fallen prey to

a false doctrine, but has become a direct victim of the antichrist spirit. *“For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ cometh in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.”*

That is how it is also written in the Scofield Bible, which Brother Branham read and which I am reading as well: *“... who confess not that Jesus Christ cometh in the flesh.”* After His resurrection, Jesus Himself said, *“Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.”* (Lk. 24:39).

“... this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.” (Acts 1:11).

John continued, *“If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed.”* (2. Jn. 10).

Yes, it gets very serious, for never before in the past two thousand years have there been as many deceivers at work as in our time. And they even come from our midst: *“Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.”* (Acts 20:30).

Their main doctrines are:

1. that the Return of Christ has already taken place;
2. that the Rapture occurred with the opening of the Seals;
3. that the time of grace is over and
4. that the blood is no longer on the mercy seat;
5. that the resurrection and Rapture take place spiritually and that both have already happened. The LORD’s Supper does not have to be celebrated anymore.
6. that the so-called “revelation” of which they speak has already transferred the ones who believe it into the Millennium;
7. that not the message, but the messenger has forerun the second coming of Christ.
8. The inconceivable claim is: As Jesus Christ was on earth back when John carried out his ministry, so He also had to be on earth during the time when Brother Branham had his ministry. Many more unscriptural teachings are being propagated.

On December 4, 1965, exactly twenty days before his departure, Brother Branham said the following in the sermon “The Rapture” and led from 1. Ths. 4 over to Mat. 25, namely to what is taking place now: **“It’s a Message to get the people together. A Message comes forth first. Now, ‘Lamp trimming time. Rise and trim your lamps.’ ... ‘Behold the Bridegroom cometh. Rise and trim your lamps.’ And they did. Some of them found they didn’t even have any oil in their lamp. See? But it’s lamp trimming time. It’s Malachi 4 time ... It’s Luke 17. All those prophecies that it can perfectly set in order for this day in the Scriptures, we see it living right there.”** (page 28).

Yes, we see very clearly what Brother Branham said about Mat. 25, Lk. 17, and Mal. 4. That is the message, the last call, addressed to all who are now living. Amen! Likewise we see that 1. Ths. 4 is still in the future. This we also say by the Word of the LORD: The LORD Himself will descend from heaven with a commanding shout that is addressed to those who fell asleep, accompanied by the voice of the archangel and the trump of God. Then it shall happen that the dead in Christ will rise and those who are alive in Christ shall be changed and be caught up together in the Rapture.

“For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.” (1. Cor. 15:53-54).

Michael and his angels fight the last battle with the dragon at the rapture of the man child: *“And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”* (Rev. 12:1-12). At the very end, Michael also stands up for Israel: *“And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.”* (Dan. 12:1).

In the last three minutes of the same sermon, Brother Branham said, **“You want to make the Rapture? How many’s interested in**

making the Rapture, say, ‘God, I want to make it with all my heart.’” All those who claim that the Rapture already took place in 1963 should be ashamed of themselves! It is written that Enoch walked with God. He had the testimony that he pleased God and Enoch was not found because God had translated him (Heb. 11). And yet all these “raptured” dreamers are still here, together with all of their followers! What a miserable, self-made “rapture”!

The claim that it is about a special “revelation of the seven thunders” is absurd. What John was commanded is still valid: *“Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.”* (Rev. 10:4). Only when the LORD comes down as the Angel of the covenant will the seven thunders utter their voices. But before that He will come as Bridegroom to take His Bride home. We close this subject without going any further into all the pointless Parousia theories and false doctrines. We have not followed cleverly devised fables, but instead believe the Word of God the way it is written. At the Return of our beloved LORD, all the corresponding Scriptures will be one hundred percent fulfilled. The same applies to all the other comings. Amen!

Everything that belonged to the ministry of Brother Branham is fulfilled and finished. He was sent with the message that reveals the entire plan of Salvation and is forerunning the second coming of Christ. And all those who are part of the Bride Church are now being called out and prepared unto the glorious day of the Return of Jesus Christ, our beloved LORD and Saviour (Phil. 2:16). This means that the Church of Jesus Christ is brought into absolute agreement with God and His Word in all aspects, as it was with the first true believers. Right at the very beginning, there were neither false brothers nor false doctrines; instead, the Church was established upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets. God Himself has placed the ministries therein for its edification. Every biblical church emerges from a revival brought by the Holy Spirit like on the day of Pentecost, and thus the church herself becomes the foundation and the pillar of truth (1. Tim. 3:15). The true Church is the living organism, the body of the LORD, and He, as the head, has the rule over it. That is how it has to become now in the perfect restoration.

It has always been the case that the true Word was proclaimed first, and thereafter came the interpretations. The LORD sows the Word; the enemy sows the interpretations. *“The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one ...”* (Mat. 13:38). A true man sent from God preaches the Word; those who preach without a divine calling are spreading interpretations. When brothers come under the wrong influence and propagate strange doctrines, it always results in splits. They appoint themselves and others to certain positions and bind the people to themselves and their doctrines, drawing them away from the Word into their special revelations. It is how churches come into existence that are no longer in the Will and Word of God. They are not an organism born of the Spirit as the body of the LORD, but an organisation like all the others. In the early church, there was only *one* local church in each city. There is one thing they all have in common with Jannes and Jambres and Dathan: They rise publicly as despisers against the man of God (Num. 16; 2. Pet. 2:15). They fight against the carrier of the Word who was appointed by the LORD Himself. By any means possible, they try to destroy his influence and his reputation and reject him. In this regard, Brother Branham said, **“They try to destroy the influence; they try to destroy everything, because it’s nothing but jealousy. It started in Cain and proved that it was jealousy, and it’s still the same thing today when the natural, the carnal, and the spiritual meet together.”** (April 18, 1965).

That is how it was already at the time of the apostles, and so it is even to this day. The best example is Diotrephes, who would not even receive the Apostle John (3. Jn.). The apostle wrote: *“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.”* (v. 4). Truth always remains truth, and a lie remains what it is, namely a lie, and only he who is of God hears God’s Words (Jn. 8:47).

The warning that our LORD gave applies to us as well: *“Take heed lest any man deceive you.”* Never before has His admonition been as current as it is today: *“Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.”* Also this Word has to be fulfilled. It is addressed directly to the called-out ones in this time, for there it says: *“... if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have*

told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. 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.” (Mat. 24:23-27). We owe God our gratitude for all eternity for His clear and true Word! And all the people say: “Amen!”

The infallible prophet

“And the LORD said unto me, They have well spoken that which they have spoken. I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.” (Deut. 18:17-19).

That promise refers exclusively to our beloved LORD and Saviour. In His mouth were only Words of God – at any time, in any place, not a single story, nothing private, no, only God’s Holy Word. Therefore this serious admonition is written: *“And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.”* (v. 19).

John the Baptist was asked whether he was *that* prophet (Jn. 1:21): *“Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.”* In verse 45 we find Philip’s answer in reference to *this* prophet: *“We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write ...”*

Peter explained the ministry of our LORD to the Jews as follows: *“For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the LORD your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.”* (Acts 3:22-23).

Stephen referred to this promise before the high counsel: *“This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the LORD your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me ...”* (Acts 7:37). Jesus Christ, our LORD, had to carry out a unique ministry and commission as Son of Man and Prophet. Whatever came

from His lips was solely God's infallible Word and nothing else. The Scripture from Deut. 18:18-19 may not be applied to any other prophet, neither to Moses nor to Elijah, and also not to Brother Branham.

Let us say it again

The LORD God has surely given a clear promise for the last and most important ministry:

“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.” (Mal. 4:5-6).

As certain as the hearts of the believers in the Old Testament were turned to the faith of the children of the New Covenant through the ministry of John the Baptist (Lk. 1:16+17), so the hearts of the children of God are now turned to the faith of the apostolic fathers.

It is a fact that God will do nothing unless He first reveals His secret to His servants, the prophets (Am. 3:7) and that God's Word is the truth in the mouth of a true prophet (1. Kgs. 17:24). Everything that is part of the plan of Salvation has been foretold by prophets, and God has fulfilled it and is still doing so even today. Our LORD said in Lk. 24:44, *“... that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.”*

Let us take a look at our time. Of course, everybody knows that John the Baptist was a promised prophet (Isa. 40:3; Mal. 3:1; Mat. 11:10; Lk. 3:1-20). However, we also know that in our time God has fulfilled the promise to send a prophet like Elijah before the terrible day of the LORD (Mal. 4:5-6).

This promise is connected to the plan of Salvation at the end of the time of grace and is obviously so vitally important that our LORD Himself confirmed it in Mat. 17:11 and Mk. 9:12. Both of these facts are true: John came in the spirit and in the power of Elijah; therefore, the LORD referred to his ministry as already completed (Mat. 17:12;

Mk. 9:13). Yet He also announced the Prophet Elijah still for the future, through whom all things were to be restored before the Return of the LORD (Acts 3:17-21). I personally witnessed that unique ministry in the meetings in Germany and in the USA.

The THUS SAITH THE LORD in his mouth was more than a thousand times the revealed Word of God. Without exaggeration, one can say that there has been no prophet or apostle whose ministry can be compared to the unique ministry of Brother Branham. I have repeatedly written about this over the past forty-four years and have illuminated it from the viewpoint of the Holy Scripture.

Brother Branham once asked, **“What is the message?”** Then he also gave the answer right away: **“Back to the Word; back to the doctrine of the apostles!”** For it is THUS SAITH THE LORD. Elijah had to come first and restore all things and return them to their divine order (Mat. 17:11; Mk. 9:12). That is fulfilled Scripture before our very eyes. Although God has taken the messenger, the message still remains with us and has been entrusted unto me by the commission of God. Brother Branham saw the final revival in the Bride before the Rapture:

“But watch when the spiritual Bride when She begins to have a revival, when She begins to come back and line Herself up with the Word of God, watch then again (You see?), how that the Scriptures, at that time there’ll be a message sweep out to catch that Bride ...” (November 25, 1965). Indeed, the Scripture is being fulfilled before our very eyes, and we are the privileged generation that may witness this now, before the Return of Christ.

Now, however, it is about something entirely different, namely about the deception that William Branham is being turned into Jesus Christ, that he is being deified and presented as infallible; there is even the claim that every Word which came from his lips is supposed to be the Word of God. He is made the main subject of the sermons by many message preachers; yes, he is even made into a cult figure so that they no longer preach from the Bible, but only from his sermons. Although they speak exclusively of “the prophet” and “the message,” they have derived a completely different message therefrom (Gal. 1).

As it was written about Elijah, this must also be said of Brother Branham: *“Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are ...”* (Jas. 5:17a). He was a husband; he was a father; he was a human being just like any one of us. His hunting trips confirmed this in particular. The supernatural did not come from William Branham, but from God Himself. Our Redeemer said as Prophet and Son of Man, *“Not I do these works but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth His works.”* That is how it happened in our time.

At probably every healing service, Brother Branham mentioned Jn. 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.”* Many people who attended Brother Branham’s meetings witnessed the helplessness of our brother – especially during the prayer for the sick. But then the supernatural happened as in the ministry of our LORD: The light, the pillar of fire came down and the angel of the LORD stood at his right side, and he was shown things from the lives of the individuals for whom he was to pray. In his testimony he says, **“Right at the beginning the angel of the LORD appeared to me and told me how I should minister, that I would see a light and hear a voice speaking to me and that I will see visions.”** (Full Gospel Businessmen’s Voice). Not William Branham did those supernatural things, but the Almighty God, to Whom Alone belongs the glory for all eternity.

On one hand, we see Brother Branham as the announced prophet for our time, who had an infallible ministry, who saw visions and who could say, **“THUS SAITH THE LORD,”** and it was so. On the other hand, however, he was a preacher and, as he said himself time and again, just a simple man, a sinner saved by grace.

Sadly, brothers misunderstood and misinterpreted his statements, and without any regard for the Word of God, they fabricated the various unscriptural teachings – always with the assertion: *“The prophet said!”* In this way, they not only twisted unto their own destruction what Brother Branham said, but also the words of our LORD and the words which Paul and others left for us in the Scriptures (2. Pet. 3:16).

Placing everything correctly

Let us first take a look at the three Scriptures that Brother Branham probably mentioned the most: Zec. 14:7, Lk. 17:30, and Rev. 10:7.

The first time I heard Brother Branham quote from Zec. 14:7 that “there shall be light at evening time” was on August 13, 1955. We know that by this he meant the last prophetic time period of the day of Salvation, in which we are now living. The evening time led over to midnight hour, when the cry is made: *“Behold the bridegroom cometh!”*

Zec. 14 shows us the connection to Israel: *“And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark: But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light. And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.”* (vv. 6-9). These verses are in connection with Israel, with Jerusalem, and with the LORD, Who will then be King over the entire earth.

Since it is a prophetic Word and Brother Branham had a prophetic ministry, he applied this Word to the Church and to his ministry. Spiritually speaking, many things run parallel with the Church and with Israel.

In Lk. 17:20-37, our LORD summarized the end time very clearly. HE described His Return with the following words: *“For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day.”* (v. 24).

About the time period before His coming, we read as follows: *“And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.”* (vv. 26-27).

“Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.” (vv. 28-29).

Brother Branham emphasized the verse that follows time and again: ***“Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.”***

There was a period of time during which Noah preached and a period of time when Lot was in Sodom. Likewise, there was a period of time during which the mighty ministry took place and the Son of Man revealed Himself in the same manner as He did with Abraham and in the time of Jesus Christ. But then came a day on which Noah entered the ark and a day on which the two angels took Lot out of Sodom. We are waiting for that glorious day on which the LORD takes us home.

“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ...” (Phil. 1:6).

“Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.” (Phil. 2:16).

“I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.” (Lk. 17:34-36). Oh, how very clear God’s Word is when it is revealed to us by the Holy Spirit!

Sadly, there is still a lack of clarity about Rev. 10:7 and the “seventh angel” mentioned therein. Yet after reading the two previous chapters, everybody should comprehend that this “seventh angel” belongs with the six preceding angels who consecutively sound their trumpets during the seventh seal (chap. 8+9). Brother Branham said the following about the “other mighty angel,” who comes down from heaven in Rev. 10:1 with a loud voice as when a lion roareth (Jer. 25:30; Hos. 11:10; Joel 4:15-16):

“If you notice that’s Christ (See?),’cause He in the Old Testament was called the Angel of the Covenant, and He’s directly coming to the Jews now ...” (March 17, 1963).

Brother Branham further explained, **“And here He returns back in the 10th chapter after the coming time.”** (March 17, 1963).

Then this Scripture is fulfilled: *“... and the LORD, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner’s fire, and like fullers’ soap ...”* (Mal. 3:1b-2).

The seventh church age messenger is only mentioned up until Rev. 3:14-22, and after that he is not spoken of any more. That was the last message for the last church age, which ends with the coming of the Bridegroom for the Bride Church, namely the Rapture.

In Rev. 8, right at the opening of the seventh seal, we read from verse 2 about the seven “trumpet angels” who stand before God. We are told precisely what happens each time an angel sounds his trumpet, and after all six of them have sounded (chap. 8+9), this mighty announcement follows: *“But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.”* (Rev. 10:7).

Whenever Brother Branham quoted verse 7, he always spoke of the “mysteries” in the plural, often he even spoke of the “mysteries of God.” However, verse 10 remains untouched as the “mystery of God” in the singular, and according to the testimony of the Holy Scriptures, Jesus Christ is the “mystery of God” revealed. Once again we see the connection with the Church and then with Israel. We see the seventh church angel who, according to a vision, went into the mountains of Arizona on February 28, 1963, where seven angels appeared in a cloud and he heard seven mighty thunderclaps. There he received the instruction for the opening of the seven seals.

And we see the seventh trumpet angel and thus have the fulfillment of Rev. 10:7. At the sounding of the trumpet of the seventh angel, the millennial reign commences: *“And the seventh angel sounded;*

and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our LORD, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.” (Rev. 11:15). That is true and certain. Prior to this, in chapter 10, verse 8, John had to take the open book out of the hand of the angel; he had to eat it and prophesy again about peoples and nations. Indeed, it could not be any more perfect; the two witnesses then come on the scene in Jerusalem (chap. 11) and prophesy for three and a half years. After the completion of their ministry, they are killed, and three and a half days later, they are taken up into heaven in a cloud. Then the millennial reign is proclaimed. God’s Word is absolutely perfect, and we can only say “Amen” to it.

Doing God a service without being in His Will

In one of his last sermons, Brother Branham dealt with this subject for two hours and 29 minutes on November 27, 1965, and emphasized the difference between the individuals who actually receive and carry out a commission and the ones who decide on their own that they have to carry out some commission. So who is in the Will of God, and who does what he does in the Will of God? Certainly only he whom the God of heaven Himself ordained for a ministry here on earth. Noah, Moses, Elijah, John the Baptist, Paul – they all could say that they did everything according to the Word and commandment of the LORD (Gen. 7:5; Ex. 39:42; 1. Kgs. 18:36; Lk. 3:2; Acts 26:16).

What happened in our time according to the Will of God? Has God stopped His work on earth since the departure of Brother Branham in December 1965? The calling and commission of Brother Branham is known worldwide. But how did it continue after his death? Who was called even before that? Who took action directly after Brother Branham’s burial to make sure that the sermons of Brother Branham, which were only on tape at that time, would be printed and published? Why do all of the message preachers keep the seamless transition a secret? Who then planned and arranged the first meetings in Europe and all the other countries worldwide? Who was commissioned by God Himself to store in and give out the food? To whom were given precise instructions from the lips of the LORD Himself?

And who has done everything precisely according to the commandment of the LORD in this time? What is the matter with all of the individuals who at some point, even decades later, had the sudden idea of doing God a service? There are volumes of books published about the life story of the prophet; books are written that are really only about the person “William Branham.” Do we have the life story of our LORD and Redeemer, or do we have a plan of Salvation? HE was only mentioned at the circumcision on the eighth day (Lk. 2:28), then at the age of twelve in the temple (Lk. 2:42), and then not until the age of thirty when He started His ministry (Lk. 3:23). Do we have a book about John the Baptist and his life story? Do we have one about Paul? Even an album with 333 photographs is supposed to keep the cult around Branham alive. In yet another book, interviews with 36 people are recorded that are strictly about memories of Brother Branham and the time until 1965. What has happened? The glorification of a man has taken over. Nothing can be heard about Jesus Christ. What does all of this have to do with God and the true message? What God is presently doing is being denied, rejected, or concealed. In this way, an irreparable chaos has been caused by those who think they have to do a service for God without actually having received a call and direct commission.

God will make all things well

“And I thank Christ Jesus our LORD, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry...” (1. Tim 1:12).

I am writing as someone who, by His grace, had the full experience of salvation on the day of Pentecost in 1949 in the Elim assembly on Bachstreet in Hamburg. I am writing as someone who has been preaching since 1952, who has been translating Brother Branham’s sermons since 1959, and who has been making missionary trips into all the world since 1964. I am writing as one who knew Brother Branham personally, who drove with him in his car, who ate with him at the same table, and who until now has kept his 21 letters from the years 1962 until 1965. But all of this is nothing in comparison to the responsibility in regard to the commission that the LORD Himself

has given me, which Brother Branham confirmed twice before witnesses. I have carried it out faithfully, and I am grateful for the fruit that has been produced by the proclamation of the Word over the past decades. What hurts me deeply is the hopeless confusion among those who are referring to Brother Branham. The enemy succeeded in not only causing great damage in heaven, then in the Garden of Eden and in Israel, but also in our time within the so-called “end-time message.” Satan always causes the worst havoc wherever God is at work in a special way, just as it was at the first coming of Christ when the children in Bethlehem and the surrounding areas were killed because it had been promised that the Saviour would be born in Bethlehem (Mic. 5). Also in the New Testament Church he did his work of destruction during the church ages: Very soon false teachers crept in with the doctrine of Balaam and of the Nicolaitans and also a Jezebel came on the scene, who managed to seduce the servants of God by presenting herself as a prophetess and teacher (Rev. 2:20).

In our time, Satan has taken on the task of destroying the Church that was called out through the ministry of Brother Branham to begin with and is still being called out and is being led according to the Word even to this day. Here at this place, from which the message is being carried into all the world, the enemy vented his wrath in particular. The attack from hell happened in the place that God Himself appointed for the purpose of storing in and giving out the food. Especially since 1979, the evil one has managed to bring many precious souls under his influence who at first turned their backs on the true proclamation and later also on the church.

However, God’s perfect Will is still coming to pass. HIS true Word, which is being carried into all the world, accomplishes what it was sent for in the elect, who cannot be deceived. The Redeemer is watching over the redeemed, the Bridegroom over the Bride. Our beloved LORD will finish His Work. HE will have a Church without spot or wrinkle. I am holding fast to the promise that, at the end, a great multitude will be ready for the Rapture, just as it was shown to me in January 1981. May all straying sheep find their way back to the flock and to the good Shepherd so that even the last one comes in and the Bridegroom can then come to fetch His Bride.

Paul's farewell

After his three missionary trips through Asia and Greece, Paul wanted to convey his words of farewell to the brethren before returning to Jerusalem and called the elders from Ephesus to come to Milet. There he poured out his heart. He had, after all, declared unto them the whole counsel of God and now enjoined them to take care of themselves and of the flock, over which the Holy Ghost had made them overseers. He admonished them to be vigilant because he knew that brethren would arise from within the church and would present false doctrines in order to draw disciples after them and to devour the flock like wolves.

The apostle also said his goodbyes to the church in Rome in chap. 16:24-27, being aware of the full responsibility of his preaching; he mentioned the mystery which had been kept secret since the beginning of the world, but was now revealed by the Holy Scriptures. The goal of the apostle was, as he declared in chap. 1:5, to work obedience of faith among all of the believers from the nations and to present unto Christ a chaste virgin, a Church without blemish (Eph. 5).

Likewise, I have preached the message left unto us, the pure Word of God, in the entire world for nearly 50 years now. As for my personal decisions, I most certainly have not always done things right, but the Sword of the Spirit, *"which is the Word of God,"* did not depart from my mouth throughout the many years. I have taken Eph. 6:10-20 as my guideline and have tirelessly carried out the commission that the LORD has given me. Furthermore, I have faithfully complied with the demand in 2. Tim. 4:1-5. The LORD first gave this Scripture to Brother Branham in Jeffersonville and later also to me in Marseille. And what is predicted here has come true: *"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears ..."* Not once did I leave the Word, but I preached it *"in season and out of season,"* for the sake of the elect and *"for the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever."* (2. Jn. 2).

I am now well advanced in years and do not know how much longer I will be able to travel the way I have until now. Therefore, I

would like to urge all the ministering brethren around the world to be vigilant, to faithfully abide in the Word of Truth and feed God's flock with the pure spiritual food.

Together with Paul I may say, *"Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the LORD, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."* (2. Tim. 4:8). It will be worth it to have done according to the Will of God everything the LORD commanded me to do; I firmly believe that.

The LORD has called out His Own from all nations, they have come to believe as the Scripture says, are children of God washed in the blood of the Lamb, and are led by the Holy Spirit into all the Truth. They are born again unto a living hope, are renewed by the Holy Spirit, have experienced the full justification and are above reproach before God. Satan, the accuser of the brethren, is defeated, and our faith is the victory that has overcome him and the entire world.

**The end time is here,
His coming is near**

In Mat. 24, Mk. 13, and Lk. 21 we gain a deep insight into the end-time events. There it speaks of wars, earthquakes, famines, and pestilences, of which there have been many in the year 2010.

The devastating earthquake on January 12 in Haiti claimed up to 300,000 lives, and now circumstances there have led to a cholera epidemic that has already killed more than a thousand people. On February 27, an earthquake took hundreds of lives in Chile. The following tsunami devastated the coastal region.

In March came the volcano eruption in Iceland; the ensuing ash cloud brought the airports in Europe to a standstill.

In August a heavy flood occurred in Pakistan by which 1,100 people were literally pulled to their death and millions became homeless.

Like any other war, the war in Iraq was senseless, and so many Iraqis and American soldiers had to lose their lives. How much sor-

row did it bring to the Iraqi people! Also Afghanistan, Kyrgyztan, and the forgotten seats of war in Africa shall not be left unmentioned.

The latest catastrophic news reached us from Indonesia, where almost simultaneously the 3,000-metre high volcano Merapi erupted on Java and an earthquake struck Sumatra, which triggered a tsunami. In the region around Mount Merapi, 6,000 people had been killed in a strong earthquake during an eruption in the year 2006. Volcano eruptions are also being reported in the Philippines.

Then we have the global warming, the climate change, and as a consequence time periods of drought on the one hand and floods, hurricanes, and cold spells on the other hand. Everything is taking its course, and the entire world is in suspense of what will happen next. It is end time: All this has been predicted; it is part of the end-time order of events. However, there is no need for despair because “... *when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.*” (Lk. 21:28).

For the end of this year

This past year has been an exceedingly blessed year. God has once again given grace so that I could preach His precious and Holy Word in the following countries: Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Peru, Haiti, Pakistan, Ukraine, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, Burkina Faso, Niger, Togo, Gabon, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Zambia, South Africa, Romania, India, Nepal, Malaysia, the Philippines. More than 120,000 people were present just in the meetings in Africa. Some of the meetings were held in conference halls with hundreds of people in attendance, others in sport stadiums with thousands of participants, and some sermons were even broadcasted nationwide so that altogether several million people heard the Word of the hour, the everlasting Gospel.

Just with Lufthansa and Star Alliance there were 64 flights by the end of November; in addition to that came many more with Air France, Emirates, and other airlines within the various countries.

The few countries that I have not yet been able to visit personally are being reached by our live internet broadcasts on the first weekend

of each month. On the first weekend in November, 677 computers from 76 countries connected to our transmission. In this way, individuals as well as groups, even entire churches that are not able to attend in person can partake in the meetings. In Australia, New Zealand, Canada, USA, and Russia as well as in some countries of South America we also have our regular radio and TV broadcasts.

I have done my part and you, my precious Brothers and Sisters, have contributed your part with your prayers and offerings, and the LORD God has granted His grace beyond measure. It is inspiring to witness how the Holy Spirit leads by revelation into the same doctrine and knowledge, even into all the Truth.

We look confidently into the future, for we know that every month and every day brings us closer to the great event which we are longingly waiting for. It will not be very much longer, and then we will all be able to say, "*He hath done all things well...*" (Mk. 7:37).

For the year 2011, I wish all of you, my beloved Brothers and Sisters, God's richest blessings from the bottom of my heart.

By His commission

Bro. Frank

Announcement of meetings

In **Zurich** the year-end meeting with the LORD's Supper and subsequent potluck will take place on Sunday, December 26, 2010, at 14:00 hrs in the "Weißer Saal" auditorium of the Volkshaus, Helvetiaplatz.

Since this time the turn of the year is on the weekend, there will be no meeting on New Year's Eve in **Krefeld**, but as usual on Saturday, January 1, 2011, at 19:30 hrs and on Sunday, January 2, 2011, at 10:00 hrs.

On these two days there will be no possibility for shopping;

therefore, we ask all those who would like to come to register in time. Only then can we plan everything for lodging and board.

Attention: The **Zurich** meeting in January has been moved to the 3rd Sunday, that is January 16, 2011. It starts as usual at 14:00 hrs.

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A meeting in the Philippines where also many preachers participated



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