

THE SEVENTH SEAL

An Exposition On The Essence
Of The Message Of The Hour

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“Working for this one purpose, for you to
Recognize the Presence of Jesus Christ.”

- William Branham, from
“Unrecognized Presence
Of God” June 18, 1964

“... the true Bride of Christ will be waiting
for that revelation of the rapture.”

- William Branham, from
“Rapture” Dec. 4, 1965

“Children of the Light, accept His Word. Keep walking and watch more unfold. Don’t leave It, no matter what anybody else says, just stay right in That and just keep walking with It. Watch It unfold and reveal Itself. The Word is a seed. A seed in the right kind of ground will bring forth its kind. Notice Revelations 10:1 to7 ...”

**- William Branham, from
“Feast Of The Trumpets”
July 19, 1964, page 19**

In 1972 I wrote 2 tracts which have been very well received by those of you who believe William Branham is the end-time prophet of Malachi 4:5-6, and the 7th angel-messenger of Revelation 10:7. The first tract, “A True Prophet To Our Generation,” showed scripturally that a prophet with the spirit of Elijah is to forerun the second coming of Jesus Christ, as John the Baptist foreran Christ’s first coming. The next tract, “Is It Later Than You Think?” showed how the supernatural ministry of William Branham fulfilled those prophetic scriptures in precise detail.

For many years I have believed the voice of that prophet and have tried to walk in the Light he delivered. Nevertheless there were many things I did not understand. At that time the “Message of the Hour” meant this to me: That God had sent His promised prophet to correct our errors in doctrine and to reveal certain mysteries, and by these, to prepare a Bride for Jesus Christ. But is this really what the “Message” is all about? Or is this just a part of it?

In the last few years I have taken a deep, prayerful, open-minded look at the difficult things Brother Branham said. I was not interested in “new doctrine,” (that is, something Bro. Branham did not preach.) But I was concerned with facing squarely everything he had preached, regardless of how perplexing. I knew that somehow the difficulties had to fit together into a perfect whole.

This personal soul-searching began a few years ago when I heard a sermon by a man who used the Greek word ‘PAROUSIA’. What he said troubled me because he was presenting the “Message of the Hour” differently than I had ever heard it before. I got out my Youngs Analytical Concordance and looked up PAROUSIA. It said: PAROUSIA - A presence; a being along side.

Of course in the King James Bible it is most often translated as ‘COMING’. But it is clear in the Greek that it does not mean ‘an entrance’; it means ‘AN ENTRANCE HAS TAKEN PLACE AND NOW HE WHO HAS ARRIVED IS THERE WITH YOU’. As I used the concordance to follow PAROUSIA through the scriptures, I was forcibly impressed with the fact that the majority of places it is found are end-time scriptures, used by Bro. Branham over and over in reference to the hour in which we now live.

Such as:

- Matt. 24:27, 37 & 39 - which parallel Lk. 17:30
- I Cor. 15:23 - speaking of the Translation
- I Thes. 4:15 - speaking again of the Rapture
- II Thes. 2:8 - it destroys Satan's power
- II Pet. 3:4 - scoffers denying it

It was II Peter 3 that really startled me. "...There shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, 'Where is the promise of His PAROUSIA?'"' 'Where is the promise of PRESENCE'.

This verse in II Peter 3 is the second scripture Bro. Branham quotes at the beginning of his sermon "Rapture". As he cried out against creeds, dogmas and traditions, it occurred to me that he was also speaking against the traditional "pentecostal" concept of the Rapture, because he ends his sermon with this tradition-shattering revelation: THE 'SHOUT' IN I THES. 4:16 IS HIS MESSAGE! This I have known from the beginning and have always accepted without question. But now, realizing that I Thes. 4 is a PAROUSIA (Presence) scripture, I began to examine it more closely. Something wasn't making sense. The text reads, "For the Lord HIMSELF shall descend from heaven with a shout..." I knew unequivocally that Bro. Branham WAS NOT the Lord Jesus Christ. Then what did the Bible mean, "The Lord HIMSELF shall descend from heaven with a shout..." Suddenly PAROUSIA was revealed to me. A Presence; a being along side. Of course!

Having a copy of W.E. Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words, I looked up PAROUSIA.

PAROUSIA - literally, a presence, (para, with, and ousia, being, from eimi, to be), denotes both an arrival and a consequent presence with.

The next logical questions were: How, when, and why? As I re-examined the major events in Bro. Branham's ministry, my attention naturally came to focus on the revelation of the Seven Seals.

I have read The Revelation of the Seven Seals many times over the years, and always before, when I came to his sermon, "The Breach," I would get scared, thinking, "Brother Branham surely couldn't mean what it sounds like he means." This time I approached it with an entirely different attitude: "What if Brother Branham meant exactly what he said?" From

this perspective, all my old ideas about the “Message of the Hour” began to dissolve. In truth they had to dissolve. The powerful statements the prophet makes in “The Breach” can not fit into traditional ‘Pentecostal’ theology. But they do fit with the Bible!

“The Breach”, of course, refers to the biblical narration of events that transpire between the end of the seven church ages and the opening of the Seven Seals. Since God had previously revealed to Bro. Branham the meaning of the seven church ages, (Rev. 1-3) and was about to open to him the Seven Seals (Rev. 6-8) it was of obvious necessity that he should deal with “The Breach” first, for it positional places the opening of the Seals in time, location and perspective, clearly showing who it is that does the opening and why. In fact, without a clear understanding of “The Breach” it is impossible to catch the full meaning of the revelation of the Seven Seals.

In brief: Rev. 4 - a throne is set in heaven. God is on the throne with the Book of Redemption in His hand, sealed with 7 Seals. No one is found worthy to open that Book. Then the bloody Lamb steps forth, takes the book and breaks open the Seven Seals.

At this point Bro. Branham draws our attention to Rev. 10, letting us know precisely that the angel which descends is Christ (Rev. 10:1) and that the Book open in His hand (Rev. 10:2) is that same seven sealed Book of Redemption which was closed in Rev. 5. (“The Breach”, p.72). On page 74 he says, “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 over His head. Now remember, THIS SEVENTH ANGEL IS ON THE EARTH AT THE TIME OF THIS COMING!”

Wow! What an eye-opening statement! The seventh church age messenger angel of Rev. 10:7 is ON THE EARTH at the time of the coming of this angel (Christ) in Rev. 10:1-6! What an awesome revelation. And it fits with what he said on page 72, “This Seven Sealed Book is revealed at the time of the Seven Thunders of Revelation 10.” It also fits perfectly with I Thes. 4:15-16, “...we which are alive and remain unto the coming (Presence - PAROUSIA) of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord HIMSELF shall descend from heaven with a shout...” The ‘shout’ is this ‘Message’, delivered by Bro.

Branham, calling a Bride for Jesus Christ. And the Lord Himself has descended to give that ‘shout’! The implications of this are staggering!

What then about I Thes. 4:17, where it declares, “...we shall meet the Lord in the air.” There is no denying that physical meeting at the time of the translation. Nevertheless, that does not negate these other scriptures. Nor can we toss out these powerful statements Brother Branham makes, regardless of how contrary they are to what we have been previously taught. It must all dovetail.

As I progressed through “The Breach”, I next came up against a really tough part. Bro. Branham makes it very clear that when the Lamb takes the Book and opens the Seven Seals, he is NO LONGER A MEDIATOR.

“...So, here came the Lamb, now. His intercessory days were over, the mediatorial days. That’s when this Angel first stands there.” (Referring to Rev. 10) “...He comes forth (What?) to take His claims now ... He’d done the kinsman work of redemption, but had not as yet called for His claim. Now, He comes on the scene to claim His rights for which He was slain ... He had been a Lamb, an Intercessor, a bloody Lamb, but now He’s coming forth as a Lion. His days of intercession is over ... And remember, it comes at the seventh church age, and the mysteries of God will be opened up. Now watch real close. **THIS IS SOMETHING YOU MUST GET.** Now, He had been doing His mediatorial work making intercessions for the believer. For two thousand years He’d been back there, a Lamb. Now, He is stepping forth from Eternity to take the title deeded Book and to break the Seals and reveal the mysteries. When is it? — at the end-time ... Break the Seals and release ALL the mysteries to the Seventh Angel whose Message is to reveal all the mysteries of God. The mysteries of God lays in these Seven Seals. And the Lamb comes forth now from being a Mediator between God and man; He becomes a Lion. And when He becomes a Lion, He takes the Book ...when the Mediator, when His work is done as an Intercessor, He comes forth ...to take the Book, to reveal the mysteries of God that others has guessed at in all these denominational ages. See. Then the Seventh Angel (Rev. 10:7) has to be a prophet for the Word of God to come to ...Malachi 4 promised such.” (“The Breach” p. 98 & 99).

What tremendous statements! What should we do with them? Ignore them? But Bro. Branham said, “You must get this!” What is more, Bro. Branham is very specific about the time-frame of this event. It happens

when the Seven Seals are opened and delivered to the Seventh Church Age Messenger. (See “The Breach”, p. 74 & 104).

As I studied this out, I could see a definite pattern throughout the Seven Seals. Sunday night, preaching “the Breach”, he laid the foundation. On Thursday night, at the end of The Fourth Seal, he says, (p, 332) “...SOON He’s going to rise now and come forth to claim what he has redeemed.” That fit, because the Seventh Seal is coming up. Then Friday night, (p. 390) “I believe with all my heart that the door of mercy is beginning to close...” Then, Saturday night, (p. 408) “...there’s no more Blood on the altar. The sacrifice has been removed and there’s nothing but smoke and lightning and judgment in there. AND THAT’S JUST EXACTLY WHAT’S Poured out here tonight! THE LAMB’S DONE LEFT HIS MEDIATORIAL WORK!...” (He also speaks of these things in “Souls in Prison” p. 22-26; and “Christ the Mystery of God Revealed” p. 78).

What could it mean? How does it fit? I was much troubled until I read in “The Breach” on page 97, “Notice where It (the Lamb) came forth - where did It come from? It came from the Father’s Throne where He had been seated since He had been slain and raised again. He raised up and sat on the right hand of God - ever living to make intercessions. Amen. Raised there today as an Intercessor with His Own Blood to make intercessions upon the IGNORANCE OF THE PEOPLE”.

Ignorance? That was the clue. The revelation broke open in all its beauty. I realized why Jesus Christ had been in an intercessory position for nearly 2,000 years. It was not to save souls. THE FULL PRICE OF SALVATION WAS PAID AT THE CROSS ON CALVARY! It was for the ignorance of the believers that he interceded throughout the church ages. Think of Martin Luther. He was a trinitarian. Bro. Branham said in “The Revelation of Jesus Christ,” p. 676 “Trinitarianism is of the Devil! I say that, Thus Saith the Lord!” Think of it. How could Martin Luther, a church age messenger, believe and teach a doctrine of the devil and he himself be accepted by God, the Bride of Christ? Simple. Because of Jesus Christ in that Mediatorial position, interceding on behalf of his IGNORANCE. Now watch what Bro. Branham says, same sermon, same page, preached in 1961, “No, do you say then ...’Do you believe that all these people that are trinitarians are of hell?’ No, sir. I believe they are Christians.

BUT THE HOUR IS APPROACHING, BROTHER, WHERE THEY ARE SINCERELY WRONG.”

And two years later, in March of 1963, by the time the Seventh Seal was opened, the hour had arrived. The Lamb had taken the Book, loosed the Seven Seals and descended with a ‘shout’ to deliver them to the seventh church age messenger. He is no longer in that mediatorial position, interceding for His people’s IGNORANCE. With the Seven Seals open, the Bride is no longer ignorant. She sees Him for who He really is - the Word!

That we are no longer in ignorance, Bro. Branham declares in many ways and places. In “Souls in Prison” page 24, he says, “When these Seven Seals were opened, that OPENED UP THE ENTIRE BIBLE.” In *The Seven Church Ages*, page 328, he states, “...the seven thunders in Rev.10 ...ARE THE REVELATIONS CONTAINED IN THE SEVEN SEALS. IT WILL BE THESE DIVINELY REVEALED ‘MYSTERY-TRUTHS’ THAT LITERALLY TURN THE HEARTS OF THE CHILDREN TO THE PENTECOSTAL FATHERS.” On page 45 of “It Is The Rising Of The Sun,” he says, “He (Jesus Christ) is the One who opened those Seals; HE IS THOSE SEALS. FOR THE WHOLE WORD OF GOD IS CHRIST, AND CHRIST IS THE SEALS THAT WAS OPENED. What is the opening of those Seals then? REVEALING CHRIST!” And just a few months after the Seven Seals were opened, Bro. Branham preached his sermon, “Christ Is the Mystery of God Revealed”. This dovetails perfectly with Rev. 10:7, “But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel the MYSTERY OF GOD SHOULD BE FINISHED.”

Please don’t misunderstand. I am not saying there is no more Blood. What I am saying is that there is no more Blood covering the sins of anyone outside of the revealed Word - for the revealed Word is Christ. THE BLOOD OF CHRIST IS STILL IN EFFECT BUT ONLY FOR THE BRIDE.

In his sermon “The Token” preached in Sept. of 1963, Bro. Branham speaks extensively on this subject. Here are a few highlights: “The Blood is the Token, and the Token must be applied or ...the covenant is not in effect ...By faith, they applied the blood. (p.8) The Token never came into existence until the evening time. And this is the evening time of the age

that we live in ...this is the time the Token has to be applied ... everything from under that Token will perish. The Blood has identified you. ...Now, the blood is the chemistry of the life, but the life is something different from the blood. The life is in the blood. (p.9) ...The Token for the believer today is the Holy Ghost - not a blood, a chemistry, but it is the Holy Spirit of God ...It is the only way and the only sign that God will ever pass because It is the literal Life of Jesus Christ returned back into the believer. (p.10) In the days of Wesley...Luther, it was the chemistry of the blood. But this is the last day where the Token is required. That makes together the whole unit for the rapture. ...The water age, the blood age, and now the token age of the Holy Ghost! (P.11) It has been the Lamb all the way through. It was the Lamb in Luther's time, it was the Lamb in Wesley's time. But now is the Token time...Now, the very Spirit Itself is the Token. Not the Blood. (p.12)" Let me pause and interject something. If you keep in mind PAROUSIA (Christ's Presence here now) as it applies in the descent and 'shout' of I Thes. 4 and Rev. 10, you can understand what Brother Branham is saying here. "The evening time Message is to apply the Token ...The hour has arrived ...when the Token Himself is identifying Himself right among us and proving that He is the same Jesus yesterday, today and forever, and He is right with the Word. It has got to be applied. (p.20) ...Are you catching it? ...There is a Token that has got to be applied, and no other time could it have come. (p.26) The blood is not the Token now, the life is the Token. (p.27) If you believe the Word, then the Token has got to come. (p.28) The Token agrees with every word, see. It has got to because it is the Word. It is the Life that was in the Word. (p.29) That is the Message. Come into Christ (p.36) He only recognizes the Token! That is the Message of the hour!

When the Seven Seals were opened, God turned a corner. There was a change in dispensations. Christ left that mediatorial position (as Rev. 5 proves). Ignorance is no longer excused. This is exactly what Bro. Branham says in "The Indictment", p.p. 19& 20, "Christ is God's provided Lamb ...Jerusalem was ceasing. When? It was in effect UNTIL THAT HOUR; the blood of the Lamb was all right until that day. But now, at the crucifixion it changes. The old system is done. There was a new one - the Lamb was at the sacrifice ...God be blessed for seeing this wonderful, heavenly Light in this last day, because the churches is doing the same thing today. Until the hour that organization religion is condemned and proved to be sacrificing Christ's Word, from then on come THE WORD AND THE WORD ONLY! ...The old pascal lamb passed

away, and Christ become our Lamb at the day of the crucifixion. And the day that the denomination crucified the Word of God and accepted a creed in the stead of the Word, THAT'S THE DAY THE WORD COME INTO FULL EFFECT. THAT'S JUST BEEN RECENTLY".

Recently? Yes. The Seven Seals were opened a scant three months before. Bro. Branham draws us an exact parallel between the crucifixion of Christ at Calvary and the opening of the Seven Seals. In truth, they are both equally important in God's redemptive plan. (See "The Breach" p. 89 & 90 - 116).

Bro. Branham draws a similar parallel in "Feast of the Trumpets" page 40: "In Rev. 11 ...the ministry of Moses and Elias calling to Israel out of the Jewish traditions, just as the seventh angel's Message called the Bride out of the Pentecostal traditions. Remember Moses and Elijah is to call Israel out of the old atonement of the lamb, and sheep, and blood and goats, and sacrifice to the real living Sacrifice, TO THE WORD. And the seventh angel's Message, under the same trumpet, same everything, exactly, the same seal, is to what? CALL THE PEOPLE, THE BRIDE, OUT OF THE PENTECOSTAL AND WORLD TRADITIONS TO THE GENUINE ATONEMENT, THE WORD...

As the veil in the temple rent in two the very hour Christ died at Calvary, exposing the Old Testament mercyseat to full view, so likewise a veil was spiritually rent when the Seven Seals were opened, fully exposing Jesus Christ, WHO IS THE MERCYSEAT. He is no longer in heaven interceding on behalf of men's ignorance, but has descended with a 'shout', which is the full revelation of Himself. No more ignorance. It is LIGHT in the evening time. That is what the Seven Seals are all about - PAROUSIA, the Bridegroom in Present, revealing Himself to His Bride. (See "The Mighty God Unveiled" 6-29-64; and "Invisible Union of the Bride of Christ" 11-25-65)

There is no more mercy for anyone outside of Christ, who is this revealed Word. I John 1:7 declares, "If we walk in the LIGHT as He is in the LIGHT ...the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." When the Seven Seals were opened, Christ was fully illuminated. Only the Bride is walking in that light, thus only the Bride is covered by the Blood and cleansed from all sin. That is why the Bride will be translated and the foolish virgins must go through the tribulation - there is no Blood

to cover their transgressions.

Having at last understood “The Breach”, I read with awe and thrill as the rest of the Seals unfolded before me. Then, when I reached the Seventh Seal, I came up against a very hard question indeed. Bro. Branham makes several statements like this one on page 576, “...the Seventh Seal is not to be known to the public.” In years past when I came to this part I would breath a sigh of relief and think, “Good. The Seventh Seal is not open yet, so all those powerful statements he made in “The Breach” don’t apply now, and I don’t need to think about them.” Of course by thinking this way I was ignoring a tremendous portion of Bro. Branham’s Message, including the portion on page 74 of “The Breach” where he lets us know that the angel in Rev. 10:1 and the angel in Rev. 10:7 are ON THE EARTH AT THE SAME TIME. I also had ignored the biblical fact that, “in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, the mystery of God would be finished.” If the Seventh Seal was not opened in 1963, then the mystery of God is not finished.

I began to study the Seventh Seal intensively, with much prayer, desiring to see the whole picture. The revelation came. Bro. Branham said, “...the Seventh Seal is not known TO THE PUBLIC.” The Bride is not the public. It always has been a private revelation to the Elect only. (Matt. 13:10 & 11). Then I began to find place after place in Bro. Branham’s sermons where he says clearly that the Seventh Seal is open. For example: Before it happened, Bro. Branham prophesied, “THUS SAITH THE LORD, THE SEVEN MYSTERIES THAT’S BEEN HID IN THE BIBLE ALL THESE YEARS ...GOD IS GOING TO OPEN THOSE SEVEN MYSTERIES TO US IN THE SEVEN SEALS.” (“What is the Attraction on the Mountain” p.22). Notice he said, “Thus Saith the Lord”, meaning these were not his own thoughts, but God’s Word - all seven of the Seals would be open. And they were. “SEVEN SEALS HAS BEEN OPENED.” (“This Day This Scripture Is Fulfilled” p.25). “GOD HAD TO OPEN UP THOSE SEVEN SEALS ...HE OPENED THOSE SEVEN MYSTERIES IN THERE, and shows forth and brings forth those things that have been hid since the foundation of the world - might be revealed in the last days - to sons of God. They brought that forth now before the people that they see it ...to this undenominational Bride.” (“Invisible Union of the Bride of Christ” p.43). “But now is the Bride-calling. NOW IS WHEN THE SEVEN SEALS HAS BEEN OPENED.” (“Doing God a Service Without His Will” 1965, p.35). “And my Message - all the time

knowing back there under healing and so forth like that, was just to catch the people's attention, KNOWING THE MESSAGE WOULD COME. AND HERE IT IS. AND THEM SEVEN SEALS OPENED, those mysteries and showing those things is what's happened." ("Rapture" p.32) "But now He's promised us a full square meal, the full seven course menu, FOR ALL THE SEVEN SEALS ARE OPENED and everything is ready for the Word of God, for those who can receive" ("Seed is Not Heir With The Shuck" p.24). And in many other like places Bro. Branham tells us the Seventh Seal is opened.

But what about the place on page 26 of "Feast of the Trumpets", where Bro. Branham says, "The Seventh Seal is not open yet."? Good question. If you will read the context, you will find he is talking there about the Fifth Seal, the souls under the altar killed under Hitler. Which, of course, is true – in 1938 - 1945 the Seventh Seal was not open yet. It was opened in March of 1963.

Bro. Branham said in "The Seventh Seal" pages 564 & 565, "And remember, Revelation 10:1-7 ...1-7, chapter 10:1-7 ...at the end of the Seventh Angel's Message ALL THE MYSTERIES OF GOD WOULD BE KNOWN. WE'RE AT THE END-TIME – THE OPENING OF THE SEVENTH SEAL ...I knew not these seals and THEY HAVE BEEN REVEALED THIS WEEK."

Of course there are many things we don't know about the Seventh Seal. But then again there are many things we do know about it, from Rev. 8:1, from Bro. Branham's sermon on the Seventh Seal, and also from his frequent mentioning of the subject throughout the last years of his ministry. Such as:

1. The Seventh Seal is in 3 parts.
2. The Seventh Seal is a span of time.
3. The Seventh Seal is composed of many accelerating events.
4. The Seventh Seal is the culmination of many events.
5. The Seventh Seal is the 'King's Sword'.
6. The Seventh Seal is the 'Third Pull' of Bro. Branham's ministry.
7. The Seventh Seal is the 'Tent Vision'.
8. The Seventh Seal is the 'coming of the Lord'.
9. The Seventh Seal is the Headstone capping the pyramid.
10. The Seventh Seal is Revelation 10 Fulfilled.

When I realized how much Bro. Branham actually did say about the Seventh Seal, I began to study everything he said on each point, both before and after the Seven Seals were opened. Since each point is inter-related, a very clear picture of the Seventh seal emerged - one that lines up 100% with the Bible. Let me go through these 10 points with you and share just a few of the many, many things I've seen.

1. The Seventh Seal is in 3 parts.

Bro. Branham said, "All the hosts of heaven was silent for this half hour when this Seventh Seal mystery in the Book of Redemption was broke open. Think of it. BUT IT'S BROKE. THE LAMB BREAKS IT. ...As certain as I stand in the platform tonight, I had the revelation that revealed - IT'S IN A THREEFOLD MANNER." ("The Seventh Seal", p.557). "And there's three great things that goes with it. And one unfolded ...yesterday, the other one unfolded today, and there's one thing that I cannot interpret because it's in an unknown language." ("The Seventh Seal", p.564)

In the sermon "Rapture" on pages 29-31, Bro. Branham tells us precisely that these three parts are the 'shout', 'voice' and 'trumpet' of I Thes. 4:16. On pages 29 and 31 he is very clear that the 'shout' is his Message; and on page 34 he tells us that the purpose of the 'shout' is to call the Bride together. I Thes. 4:16 reads, "The Lord HIMSELF shall descend from heaven with a shout..." Bro. Branham said, "Revelation 10 (listen close now) BRIDE CALLED OUT BY THE WORD, CHRIST HIMSELF CALLING OUT THE BRIDE." ("Feast of the Trumpets" p.36) . It dovetails. So also do these statements concerning the events of Revelation 5: "The Lamb broke the Seals and revealed them to His Church IN ORDER TO COLLECT HIS SUBJECTS FOR HIS KINGDOM, HIS BRIDE. See? He wants to bring His subjects to Him NOW." ("The Breach" p.106) "And when the Lamb slain walked forward from Eternity out of the Father's Throne and took His right, it was a judgement seat! Then He becomes, not a Lamb, but a Lion, King! AND HE CALLS FOR HIS QUEEN TO COME STAND BY HIS SIDE." ("The Breach" p.107)

2. The Seventh Seal is a span of time.

"And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven

about the space of half an hour.” (Rev. 8:1) Obviously this is not the mere instant of our translation. In his sermon “Rapture” Bro. Branham lets us know that the rapture, contrary to denominational dogma, is a span of time which begins with a shout - that is, his Message. In “The Breach”, page 98 he says, “Here came the Lamb, now. His intercessory days were over, the mediatorial days. That’s when this Angel first stands there. You wait ‘til we get in the Seals and time shall be no more. That half hour of silence. Watch what takes place in that half hour of silence, when the Seventh Seal, next Sunday night, the Lord willing. HE COMES FORTH (WHAT?) TO TAKE HIS CLAIMS NOW. OH, MY!”

Why is there ‘silence in heaven’? In Rev. 4:8 we find four living Creatures who are committed to continually praising God day and night. But in Rev. 8:1, when the Seventh Seal is opened, there is silence in heaven. Why? Simple. THE LORD IS NOT THERE. HE HAS DESCENDED WITH A SHOUT TO CALL HIS BRIDE.

3.& 4. The Seventh Seal is composed of many physical and spiritual events that run to a conclusion.

Naturally, since it is the ‘coming of the Lord’, it is going to contain all the inter-related details which comprise that coming - PAROUSIA, the resurrection, the meeting in the air, and much more. Notice on page 556 of the “Seventh Seal” Bro. Branham says that everything runs out at the END of the Seventh Seal.

5. The Seventh Seal is the ‘King’s Sword’.

This of course refers to the sword which materialized in his hand early in 1963. Bro. Branham was up in the rocks of Sabino Canyon near Tucson, Arizona praying about a tremendous vision he had a few months earlier - an earthshaking vision where a constellation of seven angels met him. The vision still troubled him. He didn’t understand it, and wondered if it could mean his death. The sword appeared in his outstretched hand. “Then a Voice shook down through there that rocked the rocks! Said, ‘It’s the Sword of the King!’” (“The Seventh Seal” p. 561 & 562) “A Voice spoke back again, said, ‘THE King’s Sword!’ Not a king, THE King’s Sword! See?... Just then I thought, ‘Now, ever who that is that’s talked to me all my life, since a little, bitty baby boy, is standing right here, and I can’t see Him at all.’ I said, ‘The King’s Sword?’ That would be - God is

THE King. And what is this sword? ‘THE WORD! IT’S BEEN PLACED IN YOUR HAND.’ Said, ‘DON’T FEAR DEATH. IT’S YOUR MINISTRY.’” (“Doing God a Service Without His Will” 1965, pp. 6 & 7). “Something hit and said, “Don’t fear. This is that Third Pull.” (“The Seventh Seal” p. 562)

Between pages 561 and 564 of “The Seventh Seal” Bro. Branham draws a connection between the ‘King’s Sword’, the ‘Third Pull’, the ‘Tent vision’ and Rev. 10, indicating that each of these pertain to the Seventh Seal. God said to Bro. Branham specifically that the ‘King’s Sword’ is, “The Word. It’s been placed in your hand.” What does this mean? Bro. Branham had been preaching the Word of God for 30 years. What then is God talking about? Something more. He is talking about the FULL WORD, THE COMPLETE WORD, THE FINISHED MYSTERY OF GOD, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF DESCENDING WITH A SHOUT, FULLY MANIFESTED - THAT WHICH IS PERFECT.

Quoting Bro. Branham, “I Corinthians 13 says this: ‘When that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away with.’ ...AND WE HAVE TODAY, BY GOD’S HELP, THE PERFECT INTERPRETATION OF THE WORD WITH DIVINE VINDICATION! THEN THAT WHICH IS IN PART IS DONE AWAY WITH.” (“Questions and Answers” 9-23-64, quoted from Conduct, Order, and Doctrine, page 1005). That which is Perfect is here! The opening of the Seven Sealed Book was not an intellectual dissertation. It was not merely doctrine. It was a spiritual happening. THE SEVEN SEALS ARE MORE THAN DOCTRINE; THEY ARE JESUS CHRIST, THE WORD, PRESENT.

Speaking of the Seven Angels which met him in the Arizona desert in 1963, after they had gone skyward and formed the ‘cloud’, Bro. Branham says, “...and IT’S OUR LORD UP THERE. You see? He is the one who opened those Seals. HE IS THOSE SEALS! For the WHOLE Word of God is Christ, and CHRIST IS THE SEALS THAT WAS OPENED. What is the opening of those Seals then? Revealing Christ!” (“It Is The Rising Of The Sun” p.45). This is PAROUSIA! It is a ‘Word’ coming and it is not mystical. IT IS REAL. IT IS LITERAL. The Lord Himself has descended from heaven with a shout! HE IS HERE, calling His Bride!

6. The Seventh Seal is the '3rd Pull' of Bro. Branham's ministry.

Bro. Branham says, "In the very day that the Son of man is revealed, Revelation 10:1-7 ...the seventh angel's Message, opening up the Seals... What is it? Not the angel is the Son of Man, but the messenger is revealing the Son of Man... Revelation 10 said, 'In the days of the sounding of the seventh angel...' ...Notice, the very day when this messenger - not when he starts ...but when he begins to declare his Message. See? The First Pull - healing; second Pull - prophesying; THIRD PULL - THE OPENING OF THE WORD, THE MYSTERIES REVEALED. No more - there's no more higher order to reveal the Word than prophets. But the only way the prophet can be a-vindicated is by the Word. AND REMEMBER - THE THIRD PULL WAS THE OPENING OF THEM SEVEN SEALS TO REVEAL THE HIDDEN TRUTH THAT'S BEEN SEALED IN THE WORD." ("Anointed Ones at the End Time" pp.60 & 61).

That should establish it in our minds; the opening of the Seven Seals and the 3rd Pull are synonymous. Notice also how Bro. Branham connects the revealing of the Seven Seals with Lk. 17:30, the revealing of the Son of Man. Now watch what he says on pages 327 & 328 of The Seven Church Ages, "Now this messenger of Mal. 4 and Rev. 10:7 is going to do two things. One: According to Mal. 4 he will turn the hearts of the children to the fathers. Two: He will reveal the mysteries of the seven thunders in Rev. 10, WHICH ARE THE REVELATIONS CONTAINED IN THE SEVEN SEALS. IT WILL BE THESE DIVINELY REVEALED 'MYSTERY-TRUTHS' THAT LITERALLY TURN THE HEARTS OF THE CHILDREN TO THE PENTECOSTAL FATHERS."

So the seven thunders of Rev. 10 are the Seven Seals, which is the 3rd Pull, which is the revealing of the Son of Man, which is the King's Sword, which is the Word, which is Jesus Christ, which is PAROUSIA. Quite a clear picture is unfolding.

Now follow in "The Seventh Seal" as Bro. Branham zeros in on the Seventh Seal itself as the prime constituent of the 3rd Pull. On the top of page 559 he sums up all he had previously said about the 7th Seal by stating flatly, "IT IS THE 3RD PULL." That in itself is really direct. Then on page 561 he talks about the seven Angels which met him in the Arizona desert. He lets us know that the Seventh Angel carried the Seventh Seal and had a special affinity to him. (See also pp. 577-578). Next he tells of the sword striking his hand, saying, "This is the 3rd Pull." (pp. 562-563).

Then he speaks of the Tent Vision, saying, “This is the 3rd Pull”. (p.564). His conclusion is this: “Revelation 10:1-7 ...at the end of the Seventh Angel’s Message, ALL the mysteries of God would be known. WE’RE AT THE END-TIME; THE OPENING OF THE SEVENTH SEAL.”

Knowing that the Seventh Seal is the 3rd Pull opens up tremendous light on its meaning and significance, since Brother Branham spoke a great deal about the 3rd Pull, both before and after the Seven Seals were opened. It is easy to look into the 3rd Pull in depth. Let me offer just a few thoughts:

In the vision, which came to him in December of 1955, Bro. Branham was fishing along with hundreds of other ministers. The Angel of the Lord told him how to catch the ‘Big Fish’ (the Bride), but admonished him to keep quiet about it. Then he explained to Bro. Branham how to make a gentle pull to attract the small fish; then pull the line faster to small fish from getting the lure. This will attract the attention of the Big Fish. When the Big Fish bite, THE THIRD PULL WILL BRING THEM IN.

But in the vision, Bro. Branham began to explain this to all the ministers around him.

He got overly excited and pulled too hard too soon, catching a little bitty fish and getting his line all tangled up in the process. Then the Angel of the Lord explained that the first two pulls were the healing and discernment parts of his ministry, which he made the mistake of trying to explain to the people, causing many impersonators to rise up. The angel’s admonition was very clear: Don’t make the same mistake on the 3rd Pull, which is coming up. DON’T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

When you understand this point, you can understand why Bro. Branham was not more direct when he preached “The Seventh Seal”. In fact, while talking about the Seventh Seal in one place, he stops in mid-sentence, lest he say too much. (p. 561). He does the same thing on page 559, then tells us that in his notes he has it written, “Stop. Go no further than this.” Also on page 564 he says, “I’d better stop right here. I just feel checked not to say no more about it.” You see, he was specifically forbidden by the Angel of the Lord to explain the 3rd Pull (The Seventh Seal). Since he had failed to keep still on the 1st and 2nd Pull, he was not about to fail God on this all-important 3rd Pull. For this was going to catch the Bride, and there must not be any impersonations.

But how will the Bride see this Seventh Seal if her prophet-messenger does not directly spell it out? A frank question; and one with a simple answer BY REVELATION. Not a revelation of something beyond what Bro. Branham said, but A REVELATION OF WHAT IS ALREADY LYING THERE BEFORE OUR EYES.

Some people have felt that Bro. Branham must have a personal resurrection and continue his ministry, in order to set up a literal 'Tent' and to reveal the Seventh Seal. Understandable they would quote Orland Walker's dream, which Bro. Branham re-tells in "Knoweth It Not", August 1965, six months before he died. There and in several other sermons over the next few months, Bro. Branham says, "I'll ride this trail again," or, "There'll be one more ride."

I find one main fault with this idea: There are no scriptures to support it. How then can we explain Bro. Branham's statements that there will be "one more ride"? Read pages 32-36 of "Knoweth It Not". Notice that there actually are four dreams by four different people, which Bro. Branham lets us know are all about the same subject. In the fourth dream (p.36) notice the location. It is PALESTINE. When Bro. Branham said, "There'll be one more ride," I believe he was referring to the SPIRIT OF ELIJAH. It had been four times upon the earth and there will be one more time for it to manifest itself – one of the two witnesses to the Jews in Rev. 11. I am not adamant on this point, but it does fit the scriptures.

Bro. Branham said, "What was in those thunders no one knows. BUT WE NEED TO KNOW. And it will take a prophet to get the revelation, because God has no other way of bringing out His Scriptural revelations except by a prophet." (The Seven Church Ages, p.324) Concerning the Seventh Seal, he said, "it will be revealed in that day, in the hour that it's supposed to be revealed in." ("The Seventh Seal" p.576) If we need to know what this Seventh Seal is, and the revelation can only come through a prophet, then the revelation of the Seventh Seal has to be laying in the prophet's messages waiting for Christ to quicken it to His Bride.

7. The Seventh Seal is the Tent Vision.

The Tent Vision is the last part of Bro. Branham's 1955 vision of the 3 Pulls. He describes it in many places, such as "The Inner Veil" pages 6-7, and "Visions and Prophecy" pages 17-19. Since Bro. Branham connects

the 'King's Sword', the 3rd Pull, Rev. 10, the Tent Vision and the Seventh Seal, we understand that all these things are various aspects and different angles of the self-same thing. ("The Seventh Seal" pp. 561-564)

Space prohibits me from going into much detail here; but let me point out just a few significant things:

Although Bro. Branham most often called it a 'tent', sometimes he referred to it as a 'cathedral'. It was huge. In 1933 Bro. Branham had a vision which casts some light on this. "The morning that I dedicated the tabernacle a vision came, which is written in the cornerstone there, when the Holy Spirit said to me, 'This is not your tabernacle.' AND I ASKED WHERE MY TABERNACLE WAS, AND HE SET ME DOWN UNDER THE BRIGHT BLUE SKIES, and said, 'Do the work of an evangelist.' ("Ever Present Water From The Rock" 7-24-61) Does the 'tent' or 'cathedral' in the Tent Vision represent the world? It certainly will be a world-wide Bride, each with the same revelation of Christ.

In the Tent Vision Bro. Branham says he was standing in the air above the crowd, talking with the Angel of the Lord. He describes the tent as having 3 parts -- an outer part, then an inner part of canvas, then inside that, a little square wooden room. This immediately draws our thoughts to children of Israel's Tabernacle in the Wilderness with it's 3 parts: The outer court, the inner court, and the Holiest of Holies, where dwelt the Presence of God, and where God met with man. Likewise, it alludes to the 3 Pulls of Bro. Branham's ministry.

In the vision the Pillar of Fire enters that little square room and the Angel said, "I'LL MEET YOU IN THERE." This was fulfilled exactly, for in March of 1963, when the Seven Seals were revealed to Bro. Branham, he said he spent all his time in a little room, and that each day the Pillar of Fire appeared to him in that room and opened another Seal. (See The Seven Seals, pp. 349 & 462; also "Souls in Prison" p. 23)

Next in the Tent Vision a line of people were going into that little room and coming out the other side, healed, exuberant. It was asked, "What happened in there?" and they answered, "I don't know." I believe these people are the true Bride of Jesus Christ, who are receiving the same revelation of the Seven Seals which Bro. Branham recieved; and from the same Source -- the Presence of Jesus Christ.

"Then He took me from there, and I saw a great huge tent. I never seen such a tent! ... And I looked and heard a man get up and say, 'Call the prayer line.' And people began to line up over on this side ... and they lined all the way up (to the platform) and down the street for a prayer line. I noticed ... a little wooden building. And I seen that Light, that they have the picture of, you know, that's always in the meetings; I seen that Light leave me, and go to that building, and go in that building; and a Voice said to me, 'I'll meet you in there; THAT WILL BE THE THIRD PULL.' I said, 'Why?' He said, 'Well, IT WON'T BE A PUBLIC SHOW...' ("Inner Veil" p. 6)

Clearly what transpires in that inner room of the Tent Vision is the 3rd Pull. The revelation grows brighter. Notice how the line going into that little room stretched from the platform clear out of the 'tent' and down the street. If the 'tent' does represent the world, this would fit easily, for the translation will be made up of a living Bride and resurrected Bride, those saints who have fallen asleep down through the seven church ages.

I am aware that in one place after the Seals were opened Bro. Branham mentions he is still looking for a physical tent. Remember what the voice said on the Ohio river in 1933, "As John the Baptist foreran the first coming of Christ, so you will forerun his second coming." The type holds true. John the Baptist declared under divine inspiration, "Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world." Some time later he asked Jesus, "Are you the one, or do we look for another?" (Jn. 1:29-36; Matt. 11: 2-3) Bro. Branham said, concerning those Seven Seals, "If I ever preached anything in my life that was inspired, it was that!" ("Souls in Prison" p.23) "... the Seven Seals ... was directly the Word of God." ("Desperation" p. 6)

8. The Seventh Seal is the 'coming of the Lord'.

Let me quote Bro. Branham: "That Seventh Seal hasn't opened yet, you know. THAT'S HIS COMING." ("Feast of the Trumpets" p.26) (Remember the context here. He is speaking of the souls under the altar, murdered by Hitler in the 1940's) "Watch that seven; that's the finish. THAT WAS THE COMING OF THE LORD. HEAVEN WAS QUIET, SILENT." ("Souls in Prison" p. 23) "The Lamb took His Book when the Seventh Seal---was ready to be opened---the Sixth Seal. Remember, He hid the Seventh Seal from us. He would not do it. When the Angel stood day by day telling it, but then He wouldn't do it on that one. Said, 'There's silence in Heaven.' NO ONE KNEW. IT WAS THE COMING OF THE

LORD.” (“Souls in Prison” p.33) “We find that Christ, the Lamb, took the Book in His hand, AND HE OPENED THAT SEVENTH SEAL. But you see, it’s a hidden mystery. No one knows it . . . right along with what He said, NO ONE WOULD KNOW HIS COMING; THEY ALSO WOULD NOT KNOW ABOUT THIS SEVEN THUNDER MYSTERY. SO YOU SEE, IT’S CONNECTED TOGETHER.” (“The Seventh Seal” p.576) Speaking of the Seven Seals, again Bro. Branham says, "Come back here and see those great mysteries hidden in the Bible opened up to us on a new field that we never knowed before, and PERFECTLY BLENDS IN TO THE COMING OF THE LORD JESUS." ("Desperation" p. 12)

To understand these astonishing, unexpected statements, we must first rid ourselves of any lingering denominational traditions concerning the second coming of Jesus Christ. Yet this is not so hard to do, if we compare the first coming of Christ with his second, bearing in mind that GOD INTERPRET'S HIS WORD BY BRINGING IT TO PASS.

The first coming of Jesus Christ was not an instantaneous event. It lasted 33 years; even longer if you count the Pillar of Fire appearing to the Apostle Paul, producing New Testament Word. Is it any surprise that the second coming of the Lord Jesus is not a single, instantaneous event, but rather a span of time composed of many inter-related events; including:

1. An Elijah ministry forerunning (Bro. Branham's ministry)
2. Elijah introducing Christ (Opening of the Seven Seals)
3. Parousia (Christ, the Full Word, here among us, calling His Bride)
4. The Translation itself (living Bride changed, past saints resurrected)
5. Meeting Him in the air (The Bride at last meets her Bridegroom physically)
6. Marriage Supper (Three and one half years)
7. Christ, in a physical body, returning to this earth with His Bride, His feet once more touching the mount of Olives (reveals Himself to the 144,000 Jewish remnant)

"... because the Seventh Seal there was silence. NO ONE KNEW. THAT WAS THE MINUTE OR HOUR THAT CHRIST WOULD COME, AS HE REVEALED IT TO US." ("Feast of the Trumpets" p.22)

Bro. Branham said, "I draw this text: God Hiding Himself in Simplicity, Then Revealing Himself In The Same... I thought it made a text that we

might study this before we go into the great teachings of the Seven Seals. Many miss Him by the way He reveals Himself. Now, man has their own ideas of what God ought to be and what God is going to do; and as I have made the old statement many times that man still remains man. Man is always giving God praise for what He did do, and always looking forward to what He will do, and ignoring what He is doing. That's the way they miss it. They look back and see what a great thing He done, but they fail to see what a simple thing He used to do it with. And then they look forward and see a great thing coming that's going to happen, and nine times out of ten, it's already happening right around them, and it's so simple that they don't know it." ("God in Simplicity" p.20-21)

9. The Seventh Seal is the Headstone capping the pyramid.

"It is contained in the scriptures, 'Behold I lay in Sion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on HIM shall not be confounded.' Unto you therefore which believe, he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, and a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble AT THE WORD." I Peter 2:6-8.

"And we know that the Scripture says that Jesus is the Chief Cornerstone, and He's also the Headstone." ("Message of Grace" p. 8)

In 1960, three years before the Seven Seals were opened, Bro. Branham said, "God made three Bibles. The first one He put in the sky, the zodiac. He made the next one in the pyramid, back in the days of Enoch... The capstone never was found. They never (did put a cap on top of the pyramid ... Why? The capstone was rejected--Christ, the Headstone, see, was rejected." ("Manifested Sons of God" p. 7-8), "The pyramid never was capped. . . Why wasn't the capstone put on it, the headstone, the top of it? Because He was rejected when He come. He was the rejected Stone. That's right. But it will be capped . . . then the coming of the Lord Jesus is so close at hand until the Spirit from way down in here . . . justification, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Spirit, and now right into the time of the coming of the Headstone . . . we got a ministry coming that's just exactly like the life of Christ. WHAT DOES THAT MINISTRY IDENTIFY? THE COMING OF THE LORD. . . . Look at the age coming now right up to the Headstone. See what I mean? THE COMING OF THE LORD, THE MADE KNOWN." ("Predestinated Mystery of His Will" p.6-7)

"Like the pyramid . . . Go into the prophet's chamber and watch them seven steps. Where did the guard meet the challenge to bring the comer into the PRESENCE OF THE KING at the top of the steps? WAS IN THE SEVENTH STEP. There shows that we've got to come again with that same Spirit that was on John. HE INTRODUCED THE MESSIAH; . . . And we've got to come to a place again, to something that's going to introduce the Messiah . . . to bring the people back to the Word, SO THAT THE BRIDE WILL KNOW HER HUSBAND, KNOW HER MATE, THE REVEALED WORD... That is His promise for this age. ("Feast of the Trumpets" p. 17-18)

In 1961, Bro. Branham said, "He's the Holy Spirit. AND THE CAP OF THE PYRAMID WILL BE CHRIST COMING. DO YOU SEE IT? . . . CHRIST THE HEADSTONE, THE REJECTED STONE, THE ALL-SEEING EYE, COMING EXACTLY LIKE THE BIBLE SAID. ("The Seventy Weeks of Daniel" p. 30)

In December of 1962 Bro. Branham experienced one of the most powerful visions he had ever had, which he describes in "Sirs, Is This the Time" on pages 25-27. In the vision he is in the desert near Tucson, Arizona, when a tremendous blast shook the earth and he was caught up into a constellation of Seven Angels IN THE FORM OF A PYRAMID. After the vision left him, Bro. Branham prayed, "Lord, if it is then that I am going to be killed, and You are finished with me on earth . . . send your power back on me again . . . and nothing happened. I waited awhile. Then I said, 'Lord Jesus, if it did not mean that, and it means that You've got something for me to do and it is to be revealed to me later, then send Your power. AND IT ALMOST TOOK ME FROM THE ROOM! I found myself somewhere over in a corner . . . And I had a Bible open, and I was reading. . . ROMANS, THE 9th CHAPTER, LAST VERSE: BEHOLD I LAY IN SION, A CORNERSTONE, A STUMBLINGSTONE, A PRECIOUS CORNERSTONE, AND WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH ON HIM SHALL NOT BE ASHAMED.'" ("Sirs, Is This The Time" p. 27)

A few months later, when the vision was literally fulfilled, when those Seven Angels met him over the Arizona desert. they told him to return to Jeffersonville, Indiana, for, "THUS SAITH THE LORD, the seven mysteries that's been hid in the Bible all these years . . . God is going to open those seven mysteries to us in the Seven Seals." ("What is the Attraction on the Mountain" p. 22)

It could not have been made much plainer. God has interpreted the vision and the event by His own prophetic Word, Rom. 9:33--the Headstone capping the pyramid. It is no coincidence that those Seven Angels which met him in the Arizona desert formed a pyramid, because that is the capstone's shape.

Referring to the Cloud picture in Life Magazine of that pyramid of Angels, Bro. Branham said, "And It's our Lord up there." ("It is the Rising of the Sun" p. 45)

"What happened at that time, the coming of that Stone? Up went the Church into glory at the Rapture, 'cause it ended the Gentile dispensation." ("The Seventy Weeks of Daniel" p. 30) This statement would have been hard to understand, except that God has revealed Rev. 5 (change in dispensations) and Rev. 8 (rapture is a span of time; about ½ hour of silence in heaven, and a shout on earth the same).

Four months after the opening of the Seven Seals, Brother Branham said, "God's a-vindicated Himself. God's proved Himself to His promise in this day. Hallelujah 'THE HEADSHIP IS HERE. AMEN! CHRIST, THE RISEN LORD'" ("Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed" p.85) Later he said, "WE'RE AT THE HEAD, NOW. THIS IS CHRIST. NOT THE ARMS' TIME BACK IN LUTHER; NO. THIS IS THE HEAD TIME. CHRIST, THE HEADSTONE, COMES TO THE BODY. ("The Future Home of the Heavenly Bridegroom" p. 69)

In "Sirs, Is This The Time" on page 28, Bro. Branham has just finished telling about the mighty vision of the constellation of angels, and of how God explained the vision with Romans 9:33. "Now, I am going to take the Scriptures for a moment. if you notice, in Revelation the 10th chapter . . . (Here Bro. Branham pauses) Now, let me say this: IF THE VISION IS SCRIPTURAL, IT CAN ONLY BE INTERPRETED BY THE SCRIPTURE." In that line Bro. Branham has directly connected for us: the vision, the coming of the Headstone, Rom. 9:33 and Rev. 10.

10. The Seventh Seal is Revelation 10 Fulfilled.

In "Feast of the Trumpets" Bro. Branham said, "Notice Revelations 10:1 to 7, all the mysteries are to be revealed to the Bride by the messenger of the Laodicea church. Has anybody got a Revised Version Bible? If you

have, you'll notice there where it said, the angel, it's in parenthesis, it says, the eagle (See?) the messenger to the Laodicea church, see, Revelations 10:1 to 7 . . . in that day that we see Him come down . . . Seven Thunders uttered their voices . . . What it is, is a revelation on what has been missed back there . . . It's already wrote here; it's in here; it's to reveal what already's been written." (pp. 19-20) "Revelations 10 (listen close now), BRIDE CALLED OUT BY THE WORD, CHRIST HIMSELF CALLING OUT THE BRIDE, making plain Hebrews 13:8 . . . Luke 22, Luke 17:30, and also Malachi 4, Hebrews 4, all these Scriptures that's promised." (p.36) "Look! I want to say one more thing. Closely now, DON'T MISS THIS. HOW STRIKING! From the seventh angel's (messenger of the Seventh Seal) Message (and Revelations 10 WAS THE SEVENTH SEAL)" (p. 39) Then a little farther down the page he says, "This is not just makeup, friends. This is THUS SAITH THE LORD, THE SCRIPTURE."

Stop. Carefully re-read what Bro. Branham said in the preceding paragraph. He said that Rev. 10 IS WHAT MAKES PLAIN (reveals and completes) Heb. 13:8, Lk. 17:30, Mal. 4, etc. He said that he is the messenger of the Seventh Seal. He said that the SEVENTH SEAL IS HIS MESSAGE. (Remember--Third Pull, Tent Vision, little room) HE SAID THAT THE SEVENTH SEAL IS REVELATION 10. HE SAID THAT HIS MESSAGE IS REVELATION 10.

He does not just mean the seventh verse of Revelation chapter 10. He means verses' 1 to 6 as well. On this point he is very emphatic. "Revelation 10: 1 thru 7---1 thru 7, chapter 10: 1 thru 7--at the end of the Seventh Angel's Message, all the mysteries of God would be known. We're at the end-time - the opening of the Seventh Seal." ("The Seventh Seal" p. 564) "Now we're into the age of the Eagle--the revelation to be revealed---the whole thing. Now, compare this with Revelation the 10th chapter, verse 1 to 7, and we'll see here in this Revelation . . . the Revelation here, 10:1-7, that in the days of the sounding of the Seventh Angel's Message was to finish up all the mysteries of God." ("The Seventh Seal" p. 574) "What's happened upon Mount Sunset Mountain? . . . it's God fulfilling His promised Word again, OF REVELATION 10: 1 to 7 . . . THE HIDDEN MYSTERY OF REVELATION 10: 1 to 7." ("What is the Attraction on the Mountain" p. 23)

With this understanding, Rev. 10 sudden becomes one of THE key end-time scriptures. Let me draw your attention to a few significant correlations:

Revelation chapter 10 has been fulfilled literally. Speaking of the constellation of angels that met him, Bro. Branham said, "the Seven Seals of the hidden mysteries of the entire Bible would be opened and FULFILL REVELATIONS 10, that in the seventh angel's message these things should come to pass'. THIS DAY THIS SCRIPTURE IS FULFILLED BEFORE OUR EYES" ("This Day This Scripture Is Fulfilled" p. 23)

As you see, there is a great deal we do know about the Seventh Seal. And since the Seventh Seal is the Message, it is important for us to pay close attention to all of these inter-related aspects. Not to try to figure everything out, BUT TO BELIEVE! And there is no belief without some basic understanding of what it is one believes.

Before the Seals were opened, Bro. Branham said, "The end-time messenger, his job will be to get the saints ready, the Bride ready for the Bridegroom. That will be his message. Now you want to learn A-B-C's, SO YOU CAN STUDY ALGEBRA LATER. When these other Seals on

Rev.10:1-A Mighty angel descends. Bro. Branham is clear this is Christ.
("Breach" pp. 72 and 73)

1 Thes. 4:16 says, "For the Lord HIMSELF shall descend from heaven with a shout..."

Rev.10:1--"clothed with a cloud." Lk. 21.:27--"Then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud.

Above the Arizona desert in 1963, the visage of Christ is formed by a supernatural Cloud of Seven Angels.

Rev. 10:1-"and a rainbow was upon His Head,"

**Rainbow is a covenant. ("Sirs Is This The Time" p.45)
There are only two covenants - LAW and GRACE.**

Zech. 4:7-"and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, "Grace, grace, unto It."

The Bride has received TOTAL GRACE. ('.Fourth Seal" p.294; "Rapture" P. 33; "Things That Are To Be" p.20) Remaining Gentiles receive the brunt Of unmitigated law.

Rev. 10:1-"His feet as pillars of Fire,"

For seven consecutive days the Pillar of Fire met Bro. Branham in a little room in Jeffersonville,

Rev. 10:2-"He had in His hand a little book open,"

Rev. 10:2-He set His right foot upon the sea, and His left foot on the earth,"

11 Thes. 2:8- "then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall... destroy with the Brightness of his coming." (PAROUSIA)

Rev. 10:3-"He cried with a loud voice,"

Rev. 10:3-"as when a Lion roareth,"

Rev. 10:3 "when he cried, seven thunders uttered their voices."

Rev. 10:6-"and sware by him that liveth for ever and ever,"

Rev. 10:6-"that there should be time no longer,"

Rev. 10:7-"but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel,"

Indiana and revealed to him the seven sealed Mysteries.

This open book is the Seven Sealed Book of Redemption, which was closed in Rev. 5. ("Breach" p. 72; "Souls in Prison" p.26)

Of the two beasts in Rev. 13, one came up out of the sea, the other out of The land. When the Seven Seals were opened, the anti-christ was completely exposed. The Bride has recognized her Bridegroom, as well as Satan. She can no more be deceived.

1 Thes. 4:16, "For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a SHOUT," Lamb becomes Lion after Seals are opened. ("Breach" p.73)

The seven Thunders ARE the revelations contained in the Seven Seals. (The Seven Church Ages, p. 328; "Unveiling of God" p.40; "Question- and Answers" 8-30-64, in "Conduct, Order, Doctrine" p.1161)

Heb. 16:13, "God . . . because He could swear by no greater, sware by himself."

The Greek text reads, "that there shall be NO MORE DELAY, "

This, of course, is the messenger to the seventh church age, Brother William Branham.

Rev. 10:7-"the mystery of God should be finished,"

Notice - MYSTERY, singular. The Seventh Seal has revealed Him. ("Christ The Mystery of God Revealed"; ("Unveiling God"))

the back is opened, they'll only be revealed to them." ("The Evening Messenger" p.35) Interesting. The purpose of the A-B-C's of the Message was to prepare us for receiving the revelation of those Seven Seals---that is, Christ Himself among us, the Revealed Word.

The Seventh Seal IS OPEN; let that fact be fully established in our minds and souls. Bro. Branham said, "When the Seven Seals were opened, that opened up the entire Bible." ("Souls in Prison" p. 24) "It's the mystery of the entire Book laid in those Seven Seals that the Lord let us bring." ("Souls in Prison" p. 22)

What then do we do with such statements as this one: "Remember the Seven Seals is finished... one of them He wouldn't permit us to know... The Seventh Seal; He wouldn't permit it. He stood right there in the room and revealed every one of Them..." ("Souls in Prison" p. 23)

At first glance the above statement appears to contradict itself. But it does not. The reason is on page 564 of "The Seventh Seal", where Bro. Branham let's us know that the Seventh Seal is in 3 parts. It WAS opened and Bro. Branham saw all 3 parts, but the last part was in an unknown language. I quote, "He said, 'This is the Third Pull and there's three great things that goes with it. And one unfolded . . . yesterday; the other one unfolded today, and there's one I cannot interpret because it's in an unknown language. As I stand there AND LOOKED RIGHT STRAIGHT AT IT, and this is the Third Pull coming up.'" A little later, on page 567, he said, "Then when I seen that, I looked for the interpretation that flew across there, and I couldn't make it out. The hour isn't quite yet for it. But it's moving into that cycle."

That is how the Seventh Seal can be opened and yet still a secret. God showed the 3rd part to Bro. Branham in an unknown language. "He didn't reveal it. That's the reason under our seventh mystery, WHEN THE SEVENTH SEAL WAS OPENED, there was silence..." ("Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed" p. 17)

You see, the Seventh Seal IS open; yet the 3rd part of it is still a secret. And since Bro. Branham let us know in the sermon "Rapture" that the 3 parts are the SHOUT (1), the VOICE (2) and the TRUMPET (3) of 1 Thes. 4:16, then we know it is the TRUMPET that is open, yet still a secret. On page 32 of "Rapture" Bro. Branham said the TRUMPET calls the Bride to the Lamb's supper in the sky. So the secret is the actual moment and circumstance of our physical catching away. "...everything ends up on that Seventh Seal. Now, how is he going to do it? That is what we don't know, isn't it." ("The Seventh Seal" p. 556)

When we understand the 3 parts of the Seventh Seal, and how the 3rd part was shown to Bro. Branham in an unknown language, then we can understand such statements as these: "This Seventh Seal Mystery in the Book of Redemption WAS BROKE OPEN. Think of it. BUT IT'S BROKE. THE LAMB BREAKS IT . . . What is it? None of us know. BUT I'M GOING TO TELL MY REVELATION OF IT." ("The Seventh Seal" p. 557) At first that sounds like a contradiction. How could he have a revelation on something he doesn't know? But it makes sense, after we realize that he could not make out the interpretation to that 3rd part. ". . . we find that Christ, the Lamb, took the Book in His hand AND HE OPENED THE SEVENTH SEAL. But you see it's a hidden mystery. No one knows it . . . right along with what He said, no one would know His coming. ('The Seventh Seal" p.576; see also p. 577)

The coming of the Lord--PAROUSIA. Concerning the Seventh Seal, Bro. Branham said, "What is it? It's the thing that Jesus said even the Angels of Heaven didn't know nothing about it, see." ("The Seventh Seal" p. 558) Here Bro. Branham is referring to Matt. 24, where the disciples asked Jesus, "When shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy PAROUSIA?" (Presence) It is the Seventh Seal; the-coming of the Lord.

On page 560 of "The Seventh Seal", Bro. Branham said, "Now have you noticed the mysterious part of the week? . . . It's been, not a human being, a man; IT HAS BEEN THE ANGELS OF THE LORD."

Who were those seven angels? A very good question; and an important one. Remember - each one of those angels carried one of those sealed mysteries. ("The Seventh Seal" p.565,578; "Shalom" p.25; "Ashamed of Him" p.11; "Desperation" p.14) Bro. Branham said, "I saw seven Angels in a form of a pyramid that swept down and picked me up. And I was

brought east to open the Seven Seals of God . . . And when I come back, the FIRST ANGEL, ON THE FIRST NIGHT, OPENED THE SEAL contrary to anything we ever heard in our life. AND ALL THE SEVEN COME OUT THE SAME WAY." ("Standing In The Cap" p. 20)

Since those Seven Angels were the actual means God used to break open those seven sealed mysteries, we should be able to find reference to them in the Book of Revelation where the event of the breaking of the Seals is described. Yes, here it is. "And I beheld, and lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts and of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, WHICH ARE THE SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD SENT FORTH INTO ALL THE EARTH." (Rev. 5:6)

Those Seven Angels, which Bro. Branham met in 1963, delivering to him the revelation of the Seven Seals---those Seven Angels ARE THE SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD. This is exactly in line with the Bible, which clearly shows that the LAMB BREAKS THE SEVEN SEALS.

It is this Lamb with Seven Spirits that walked among the seven church ages, (Rev. 1) a different portion of Himself ministering to each age. (Rev. 2 and 3) In Rev. 4:5 we see these Seven Spirits of God as seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, showing that His Spirit had successfully burned in each church age. It is at last time for the opening of those Seven Seals, the ultimate revelation, the full disclosure of Himself. It is this Lamb with Seven Spirits who took the Book of Redemption in Rev. 5 to loose the Seven Seals that held it bound. Christ the Lamb became a Lion. It is this Christ with Seven Spirits who descended in Rev. 10, at the time when the Seven Seals were to be given to the seventh church age messenger, who would in turn deliver them to the Bride. It is this Christ with Seven Spirits who met Bro. Branham in the spring of 1963 in the desert outside of Tucson, Arizona, then went skyward, forming a supernatural cloud, outlining the head of Jesus Christ. Afterwards, these Seven Spirits of this Christ met Bro. Branham day by day for seven days in a small room in Jeffersonville, Indiana, revealing to him the seven sealed mysteries, which each night he then declared to the people.

In 1933, on the Ohio River, God spoke to Bro. Branham and said, "AS JOHN THE BAPTIST FORERAN THE FIRST COMING OF JESUS CHRIST, SO LIKEWISE WILL YOU FORERUN HIS SECOND COMING." Perhaps we have failed to realize before just how true that

really is, and how closely the two ministries paralleled each other. John the Baptist introduced the promised Christ, crying out, "Behold the lamb of God which takes away the sin of the world. "(Jn. 1:29) Bro. Branham introduced Christ to the end-time Bride, for in essence he cried, "Behold the Lamb of God who has prevailed, who has taken the Book and loosed the Seven Seals thereof! Bride, behold your Bridegroom" ("Present Stage of My Ministry" 9-8-62, pp. 24 & 27; "Feast of the Trumpets" p.45; "Modern Events Made Clear By Prophecy" p.41) John the Baptist said about Jesus, "He must increase, but I must decrease." (Jn. 3:30) Bro. Branham said, "It may be the hour now that this great person that we're expecting to rise on the scene may rise on the scene. Maybe this ministry that I have tried to take people back to the Word has laid a foundation. AND

IF IT HAS, I'LL, BE LEAVING YOU FOR GOOD. There won't be two of us here at the same time. If it is, HE'LL INCREASE, I'LL DECREASE." ("The Seventh Seal" p. 567)

God interprets His Word by bringing it to pass. Bro. Branham has left the scene. And His ministry did lay the foundation by taking us back to the Word. (Mal. 4:5-6) That great person HAS risen on the scene---the LORD JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF Mal. 4:2) FULL WORD, WITHOUT BODY, BUT CHRIST HIMSELF NONETHELESS.. Only those who recognize His Presence here, NOW, as the Revealed Word, will meet Him physically in the air.

Bro. Branham said, "She's uniting Herself. She's getting ready. Why? She is the Bride. That's right. And She's united Herself with Her Bridegroom. AND THE BRIDEGROOM IS THE WORD" ("Uniting Time and Sign" p. 21) ". . the Bride will know Her Husband, know Her Mate - THE REVEALED WORD." ("Feast of the Trumpets" p. 18)

APPENDIX: FOR FURTHER STUDY

I know you will want to study further into these things and see for yourself if this is really the essence of Bro. Branham's message to the Bride. That is good and only to be expected. The Bride cannot take any man's word. She must have God's Word alone. The sermons listed below, if read in the order Bro. Branham preached them, will greatly help your understanding.

1. "Present Stage Of My Ministry" 9-8-62
2. "Sirs Is This The Time?" 12-30-62
3. "The Revelation Of The Seven Seals" 3-63
4. "Indictment" 7-7-63
5. "Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed" 7-28-63
6. "Token" (Jeffersonville, Ind.) 9-1-63
7. "Souls That Are In Prison Now" 11-10-63
8. "Unveiling Of God" 6-14-64
9. "Unrecognized Presence Of God" 6-18-64
10. "Feast Of The Trumpets" 7-19-64
11. "This Day This Scripture Is Fulfilled" 7-19-64
12. "It Is The Rising Of The Sun" 4-18-65
13. "What Is The Attraction On The Mountain" 7-65
14. "Invisible Union Of The Bride Of Christ" 11-65
15. "Rapture" 12-4-65
16. "Modern Events Made Clear By Prophecy" 12-6-65

Of course any sermon of Bro. Branham's within the time frame of 1960 - 1965 will add further light and corroboration. However, you will understand all of his statements better if you always note WHERE and WHEN he preached the sermon.

WHERE Bro. Branham seldom touched on deep subjects in his evangelistic meetings. He was speaking to denominational people and simply did not feel the liberty of the Spirit there. That is why the majority of doctrine came forth when he preached in Jeffersonville, Indiana, with some notable exceptions, such as Shreveport, Louisiana and at many Full Gospel Business Men conventions.

WHEN This is extremely important because the 'Message of the Hour' was a progressive revelation to Bro. Branham, with the opening of

the Seven Seals being the key pivotal point, the focal point where the true purpose of his ministry became clear - the Third Pull.

For example: Before the Seven Seals were opened Bro. Branham felt that the Seven Thunders would be a revelation that was not even written in the Bible. ("Sirs Is This The Time" p. 38) After the Seals were opened he knew that nothing could be added, that the truth was already laying in the Word, waiting for God to bring it out through a prophet. (See, "Unveiling of God" p. 40; "Feast Of The Trumpets" p. 19-20)

Before the Seals were opened, Bro. Branham's ministry was pointing forward to that event, even though he did not know exactly what it would be. Thus we find such statements as, "God is taking the Elect out of that Pentecostal church (that hybrid), pulling it out and finishing up the Word. And it's got to be so close until THE WORD ITSELF will blend with this Word. THERE COMES THE HEADSTONE, crying, 'Grace, grace, amazing grace'--the Headstone." ("The Spoken Word Is The Original Seed" Part II, 3-18-62, p. 46)

This is also the reason that "Sirs Is This The Time?" was placed as a question. He knew scripturally what must take place, but how it would actually be performed, he knew not. Thus we find him saying, "Then is the time for the Seven Voices of Revelation 10 to be revealed." (p. 39) "If it is, then the pyramid is capped by the Seven Thunders." (p. 47) "Could it be: Is this the Mystery of the Thunders that will bring back the Headstone?" (p.48) "Will this be the Mystery that would open up, that WOULD BRING CHRIST, bring a power to the Church? . . . If this is the Third Pull, then there is a great ministry lying ahead." (p. 49) "Will this be the time when it will be again, "BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD?" (p. 50) Since God interprets His Word by bringing it to pass, we can now look back and see the answer to those questions: "YES, IT IS THE TIME!"

It is also important to note that the book, An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages, was edited by Bro. Branham and printed AFTER the Seven Seals were opened, so that each fact and revelation within is correct; however it is written from the standpoint of its correct chronological position, BEFORE the opening of the Seven Seals.

Finally, brethren, I urge you to prayer. The things of God are not known by human intellect. "For the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life." (II Cor.

3:6b) Revelation comes only from God.

The third to the last sermon Bro. Branham ever preached was "Modern Events Made Clear By Prophecy". The 'modern events' he is referring to are not political happenings, but spiritual events, chiefly Mal. 4 (p. 32,41), Lk. 17 (p. 33), and Rev. 10 (p.49) He draws his text from Lk. 24, where Jesus was walking the road to Emmaus with some of his disciples and **THEY DID NOT RECOGNIZE HIM UNTIL THE DAY WAS ALMOST OVER.** On page 40 and 41, Bro. Branham parallels that with today: "Notice, 'Fools, and slow of heart to believe that all the prophets has wrote of Him had to be, fulfilled'. Watch Him! He refers right back to the Word of God. He never come right out and told them, 'Don't you know me? I am the Messiah that's resurrected.' He never said that. See. **HE JUST GIVE THEM. THE SCRIPTURE!** Like John did, and the rest of them. See? . . . **THEY HAVE TO PICK THAT OUT THEMSELVES.** They have to judge for theirselves. Now, don't go to sleep. **JUDGE FOR YOURSELF...** Am not I, tonight, trying to tell you, word by word - even to the position, the place, the names and numbers, everything-that we're right at the end time? Surely you can see what I'm talking about. See? Look! That's so plain it should need no more identification. He said, when he was here on earth, 'Search the scriptures, in them you think you have eternal life . . . they testify what I am - See. **WHO IAM.**'"

