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EVENING LIGHT



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“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’ –Matthew 7

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Introduction

Not much is said about Michael in the Bible, and because of the mystery surrounding this powerful angel. Some cult leaders have claimed that Michael is Jesus Christ Himself. Charles Taze Russell of the Jehovah's Witnesses taught his following that Michael was the Son of Man, Jesus Christ. William Branham taught his following the same.

*And remember, in glory the first thing that ever caused the first sin, that Satan wanted a little better things than what Michael had, went over and set himself up a--a better, beau--more beautiful kingdom.
Branham, 50-0819*

*And at that time Michael shall stand, the great prince. Michael was Christ, of course, Who fought the angelic wars in heaven with the devil.
Branham, 55-0109E*

*Lucifer, and he was... In the beginning he was jealous of Michael, what started the whole trouble.
Branham, 57-0925*

*Now, as I just got to basing up to this, that Lucifer in heaven tried to exalt himself and even be just a little higher than his Boss. And he betrayed Michael, and made hisself a great kingdom in the north, and come down.
Branham, 59-0628E*

If we examine [Daniel 10](#) closely, however, we find that there is a distinction between the two as it relates to the end times. Daniel's terrifying vision of the man was a vision of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The battle in heaven was already in full force, and the Son of Man was raging war against the prince of Persia. On earth, Daniel had been in mourning and for three weeks.

Standing on the Tigris River with his companions, Daniel entered into the vision. The men with Daniel did not see the things that Daniel saw, but just looking at the effect that the vision had on Daniel's body was enough to strike fear into their hearts. Daniel's companions fled when they saw Daniel's body transforming before

their very eyes, changing his radiant appearance into something fearful to look upon.

Daniel saw a Man clothed in linen. His body was eerie blue like the translucent beryl stones, His face like lightning. The Man's eyes were like flaming torches, with a powerful and burning gaze. His arms and legs shone like light reflecting on bronze, and when He spoke, it sounded like the voices of a large multitude of people. Through fear and weakness, Daniel fell on his face in the sand and passed into a deep sleep.

The Man's touch sent Daniel struggling to arise, on his hands and knees. But when the Man spoke, Daniel was instantly able to arise. The Man said, "O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you."

Through the heat of the Battle, Jesus heard the words of Daniel and knew of his devotion to God. The Man said that from

the very first day that Daniel decided to learn the things of God and humble himself to be fully focused towards God, He had heard the words that Daniel spoke. The Man said that he had come because of those words, which were righteous.

The Man said that he was at war with the Prince of Persia, and there was none to help Him. He raged war against the prince until Michael the Archangel was able to come and assist. Now, and because of Daniel's devotion to God, He was here to tell Daniel what would happen at the End of Days.

As He spoke these words, the Man transformed into the form of a human. Daniel looked upon the face of a man.

The Man touched Daniel, and strengthened him in his time of mourning. Though he was weak from hunger and fasting, the Man touched him and his strength returned. The Man told Daniel to be of good courage, and go with peace. Daniel cried out, "Lord, you

have strengthened me," and the Man said, "Did you not know why I came?"

The Man said that he was returning to continue war against the Prince of Persia. When he left, the prince of Greece would also come. But he was here to tell Daniel to hold fast to the words described in the Book of Truth. He said that there was none who fought on His side against these kingdoms except Michael the Archangel, his prince.

The Man went on to describe the kingdoms of this earth that would rise and fall. One after another, kingdom after kingdom, great nations would come and go. Daniel's people would see the signs of the kingdoms and think that the time was drawing near, but in their attempt to fulfill this vision, they would realize that the time was not yet. All the way unto the End of Days, signs of the times would seem like the end, yet no man knows the day or the hour of Christ's coming.

Just as John the Revelator, Isaiah, and

Zechariah all prophesied, the Man told Daniel that the last kingdom in power would enter the Holy City, Jerusalem. Tens of thousands would fall at his hand, but they would be delivered. A greater power was going to rise against him to deliver God's children.

The Man said that Michael the Archangel was the prince that would be in charge of Daniel's people. When Michael comes, there would be a trouble, a tribulation like the world has never seen. The Man described the same Great Tribulation that all of the prophets of old described, and how that even the dead would rise from the grave to be judged.

Suddenly, two others stood before Daniel and the Man. These two were anxious to begin, asking "My Lord, how long shall it be until the end of these wonders?" These two remind us of the "two witnesses" described in the Book of Revelation.

Daniel wanted to understand more, but the Man said that these things were shut up

and sealed until the end time. He said that the pure would remain holy and the wicked would continue to act wickedly. None of the wicked would understand these things at the end time, but the wise would understand.

The abomination that makes desolation would come. Those who remain wicked will go down with abomination.

God's Bride, The Whore

[Ezekiel 16](#) is a love story, given in prophesy by God through Ezekiel to His bride. It is very symbolic, and is a fundamental part of the story concerning the coming Kingdom of God.

Of Jerusalem, God said that she came from the land of Canaan. Her mother was a Hittite and her father was an Amorite. Cast aside from both, Jerusalem had no one to help her, no one to give compassion. Her ties still remained to both, but she was left to die. God passed by and saw her lying there, dying. With great compassion, He nourished her and saved her from dying alone.

Later, when she was grown, God passed by her again. She was naked, and God clothed her. She was dirty, still covered with the blood from her birth, and God washed her. God adorned her with fine jewelry, ornaments on her wrists and a necklace. God put a ring in her nose, earrings in her ears, and a fine beautiful crown on her head. Beautifully presented in fine gold and silver, fine linen and silk,

God fed her meals fit for a queen. God took the young girl, once left to die, and made her royalty.

But rather than trust God, she trusted in her own beauty that God had given her. She became a prostitute, a whore to any passerby. The beauty that God had given her was gradually replaced with each who came to her for sexual desire. God said that she became a whore, one that the likes has never been seen, nor ever shall be.

As those who passed by used her for prostitution, she sacrificed her sons and daughters to those who abused her. She offered her own flesh and blood up to them as burnt offering, not remembering that God had taken her from certain death and saved her from dying alone.

God said that she had not only become a whore to each passerby, she had become a mother of harlots. In her great lust, she began to multiply her prostitution. Her whoring was multiplied with the Egyptians, her lustful neighbors. She had become a

whore to the Assyrians, because she was not yet satisfied in her lust. She multiplied her prostitution with the land of Chaldea and still was not satisfied.

"How sick is your heart?" asked God. She had become a brazen prostitute, an adulterous wife that takes in strangers to lust instead of her husband. While earthly men give gifts to prostitutes, she is the one who gave gifts to her lovers, bribing them from every side by her prostitution. No one had solicited her to become a whore, and no payment was given.

God said that he would make her remember where she came from. Because of her lust, because her nakedness was shown to all of her many lovers during her whoring, God was going to uncover her and show her for what she once was. God was going to gather all of her lovers from every side, and uncover her nakedness. He was going to judge her as other women who commit adultery, with wrath and jealousy. Her beautiful jewels will be taken away, and God will become enraged over

her great prostitution.

Then, God will expose the mother of these harlots to the children she created. Everyone will say unto her, "like mother, like daughter." God said that Sodom and her daughters had not done so evil as she had done. While Sodom was guilty of her pride, not aiding the poor and needy, the sins of Jerusalem were far worse. God removed them for their pride, and Jerusalem would also bear their disgrace.

God said that he would restore the fortunes of Sodom and her daughters, Samaria and her daughters while He restored Jerusalem. Jerusalem, looked down on by the daughters of Syria and the daughters of the Philistines, will bear the penalty for her prostitution.

But, God's great love is above all of this. God said that after she had bore her iniquity, He would remember the covenant that He made with her. He will establish an everlasting covenant with her. Then, after

bearing her iniquity and seeing God's great love and mercy, she will be ashamed of her ways of the past.

God would atone for His bride, forgiving her for all that she has done.

The time for God's coming kingdom is at hand. In [Revelation 17](#), John the Revelator describes how he saw the Judgment of the great prostitute, the mother of harlots. He saw the woman that had prostituted herself out with other kings, and had given herself to sexual immorality through her whoredoms. He saw the woman arrayed in fine garments and jewels, drunk with the blood of the saints.

But her day of reckoning is coming; her time of being made desolate and naked is soon at hand. John writes "God has put it in the hearts of the nations to carry out His purpose until the words of God are fulfilled."

John knew that this woman was the city. He knew that it was the chosen one,

the city that has dominion over the kings of the earth. The angel described this city, the city that was symbolically the bride for the bridegroom. The angel said:

"So will Babylon the great city be thrown down with violence, and will be found no more; and the sound of harpists and musicians, of flute players and trumpeters, will be heard in you no more, and a craftsman of any craft will be found in you no more, and the sound of the mill will be heard in you no more, and the light of a lamp will shine in you no more, and the voice of bridegroom and bride will be heard in you no more, for your merchants were the great ones of the earth, and all nations were deceived by your sorcery. And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all who have been slain on earth." ([Revelation 18](#))

Evening Light

[Isaiah 1](#) confirms Ezekiel 16, calling [Jerusalem](#) a "whore" for her constant fall to idolatry. Isaiah foretells the time that the mighty city of Israel will look to the enemies to get relief from the coming tribulation, and calls the city "unfaithful." Like Nebuchadnezzar's dream in Daniel 2 of the ten toes, which represent the city, joined together with the unclean, Isaiah confirms that Jerusalem will be joined together with the enemy.

As Revelation 17 describes the burning of the city with fire, Isaiah says that Jerusalem will be ashamed for using so much wood in the city. All of the wood, dry from the drought described in Zechariah 14, will become a spark of fire that will burn the clean and the unclean together. God will wipe the city clean with fire.

[Isaiah 2](#) says that when the last days come, Mount Zion, the location of the Holy Temple, will be exalted. The chapter confirms Zechariah 14, describing the time when all will go to the Temple Mount to worship God, which Zechariah says will be

because of the extreme drought and plagues caused by the two witnesses of Revelation 11 and described in Isaiah 3.

Finally, in [Isaiah 5](#), we find the beginning of the story of the "Evening Light." Jerusalem is torn. Humbled by lack of food, humbled by lack of water, looking to their enemies for help, and relying upon the wicked just to stay alive.

This chapter goes into greater detail of what we find in [Revelation 11](#), when the wrath of God purges the wicked from the city. John the Revelator compares the city symbolically to "Sodom," which was completely obliterated for their wickedness, and Isaiah describes the same for Jerusalem. Travelling by vision alone from house to house through Jerusalem, Isaiah sees desolation. Such beautiful houses, all without a single person inside! Acres and acres of vineyards producing almost no fruit will finally create empty fields from the drought caused by the two witnesses.

Those that do not flee to the mountains lie dead. A tenth of the city falls, according to Revelation 11, and Isaiah calls this "Sheol's appetite."

Isaiah says that some will stay back to watch the destruction. There will be men preaching falsehood, calling the counsel of Israel together to watch the fall of the city. But those people call evil good and good evil. They stay behind for God's purpose: to cleanse the holy city of Jerusalem.

As tongues of fire devour the stubble and dry grass falls to the flame, Isaiah says that the fire will consume the city. The men that stay behind will become ashes under the soles of God's feet because they rejected the Holy One, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. As Zechariah 14 describes, the Hand of God will cause the mountains to quake as the anger of the Lord strikes them down.

Where the carcasses lie, the corpses of the wicked, the eagles, vultures, and other birds of prey will gather to pick the flesh

from the bones. Isaiah describes the refuse of corpses lying in the streets, and still God's wrath has not let up. As the dead bodies lie in the streets, the Hand of God will call all nations from the ends of the earth to come, and they will come quickly. God will cause darkness to fall upon the land, and the nations of the earth will stamp out the rest of the wicked. Isaiah compares it to the most powerful animals: horses with hooves like flint, wheels as fast as the whirlwind, loud machines like the sound of a lion, all growling and seizing their prey.

[Isaiah 13](#) tells why the Hand of the Lord was still outstretched; there was more work to be done. Mystery Babylon of [Revelation 17](#) and [Daniel 2](#) must be destroyed.

Jerusalem is barren. Isaiah says, "On a bare hill, raise a signal." God has summoned mighty men to execute his anger against the wicked. Kingdoms and nations gather for war against them, and both from distant lands and from the heavens God will

destroy all that remains.

Babylon, worshipper of the sun, moon, and stars, will have nothing to worship; all will be taken down. The sun will be dark at its rising, and the moon will have no reflection to cast. The heavens and earth will tremble, and the earth will be shaken from its orbit.

As Zechariah says, the city of Jerusalem will be plundered. Wives that remain will be ravished. The army against them will show no mercy, not even to the children still in the womb. Babylon will become so completely obliterated that none will dwell there for all generations.

In that day, Israel will reap the reward.

[Isaiah 14](#) tells us that after Babylon has fallen, after the nations have defeated the wicked, Israel will return. Those that once held Israel captive providing for them during the famine will now be slaves to Israel. The whole earth will be at peace and rest!

The Man of Lawlessness

In [2 Thessalonians 2](#), Paul warns about both the "mystery of lawlessness" and the "man of lawlessness" that will one day come. It is though Paul is speaking directly to us out of the Scriptures, though his letter to the Thessalonians was written hundreds of years ago.

Concerning the end time, Paul warned not to be quickly shaken by a "spoken word" or by a spirit. He warned them that even if a letter is written seeming to come from Paul himself, they should not be troubled or deceived about it. Why? The "man of lawlessness" must first come.

Many cults have risen, claiming that the signs of the times signified the end, yet each one has passed and gone. And even though the false prophets that started each cult or following has long turned into dust, their following remains.

Early in his ministry, Branham claimed that the events during World War 2 were the signs of the nearing end time. Eisenhower and Khrushchev, Branham claimed, were the "iron and the clay" described in Daniel's

interpretation of king Nebuchadnezzar's dream. When both men faded away, the focal point drifted towards the Catholic Church. Branham evidently had not read Paul's letter to the Thessalonians.

Paul says to ignore these deceivers claiming the end of days. Branham's heroes, such as John Alexander Dowie and Charles Taze Russell, were among many who claimed the end was near, yet Paul gives us instruction that we must first wait until the "man of lawlessness" has not only appeared, but taken his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming to be God.

According to Paul, there will first come a great rebellion, and the man of lawlessness will be revealed. Paul calls him the "son of destruction," because he opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god. He exalts himself above every object of worship, and takes his seat in the temple, proclaiming to be God.

Daniel calls this man the "abomination that makes desolate." Jesus calls him the "abomination of desolation," and refers to

Daniel's interpretation in [Matthew 24](#). Jesus says that when we see the abomination of desolation standing in the holy place, we should flee for the coming tribulation. "Immediately after the tribulation," Jesus says, "the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven."

William Branham claimed that this "abomination of desolation" was the Mosque of Omar, however the prophets of old, apostles of the New Testament, and Jesus Himself said that this abomination would be a man claiming to have power above all other gods. The Mosque of Omar has been standing since 1193, and then renovated in 1860.

Obviously, the sun, moon, and stars did not fall immediately after Branham's interpretation of the "abomination," and that is because Branham's interpretation came from presumptuous words rather than from scripture. Had Branham been a study of the Bible that we read instead of Lamsa, Russell, and Dowie's writings on the subject, it would be more closely aligned with scripture.

We ask ourselves how so many fell into Branham's trap, when they are so far separated from scriptural teaching, but Paul has already given us the answer. The Abomination of Desolation will be empowered by the activity of Satan, who has already gone out to deceive. False signs and wonders will persuade many from the truth, and there will be wicked deceptions to all who are perishing.

While many followers now know that Branham was in Houston, TX when the "mystery cloud" floated across the skies in northern Arizona, that he gave three different birth years--two of which for deceiving purposes, and that most of his childhood stories are fictitious, and that Branham's visions changed gradually over time to fit actual history, they still love their false prophet. Why?

Paul says that they are already perishing, and that "God sends them a strong delusion, so that they believe what is false."

Paul says that in order that all of the wicked

may be condemned, God sends them such delusion that they no longer believe in truth and would rather believe in the fictitious stories given by deceivers. Paul calls this "pleasure in unrighteousness" because they did not believe the truth.

Iron and Clay

[Nebuchadnezzar II](#) (634-562 BC) was the mighty king of Babylon, conqueror of Judah and Jerusalem. In his ambition to spread Babylonian influence, Nebuchadnezzar battled with Egypt, Syria, Judah, Jerusalem, and more. His influence spread quickly when battle with the city of Tyre, trade port city to most of the ancient world, ended in compromise and Babylonian authority.

He is remembered for his decree that the Hebrew boys be thrown into the fiery furnace, but few remember the Hand of God that worked in Nebuchadnezzar's life. Though not a Jew and long before Christ, Nebuchadnezzar's heart turned to the One True God.

In his second year as King, Nebuchadnezzar started having spiritual dreams. None of the sorcerers or magicians could interpret these dreams, for they were from a higher power. The false gods they served could not penetrate the dream to see the mystery of the coming kingdom of God.

In [Daniel 2](#), Daniel was asked to interpret

the first dream, the dream about the great and mighty idol. Extremely bright, the head of the idol was made of the finest gold, the chest and arms silver, the stomach and thighs bronze, the legs iron, and the feet iron and clay. Part of the idol was destroyed; a stone that was cut out without human hands, and the stone struck the feet made of iron and clay. When the stone struck, it broke the feet into pieces. Suddenly, all of the parts of the idol exploded into pieces, iron, clay, bronze, silver, and gold. They were so thoroughly destroyed that they scattered into dust and blew away in the wind so that not a single trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the idol remained, and grew into a great and mighty mountain that filled the whole earth!

God works in mysterious ways, and had given a dream of the coming kingdom of God to this pagan worshipper of false gods. Though none of the sorcerers and magicians could see the dream, Daniel was able to not only see it, but interpret it. John was able to confirm the dream by vision

in [Revelation 17](#)

Nebuchadnezzar was the start of something greater than he was even aware, the head of one of the greatest mysteries in the Bible: Babylon. Daniel said that the head of the idol represented Nebuchadnezzar himself. He was the head of gold. After him would rise another kingdom, but it would be inferior. A third would rise of Bronze, and would rule over all of the earth. A fourth would rise as strong as iron -- and the vision described this kingdom as iron because it breaks to pieces and shatters all things. As iron crushes, it will also crush all of these kingdoms. But the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, will be a divided kingdom. Some of the firmness of iron will be in it, but the other part will be brittle like clay.

As iron does not mix with clay in the physical sense, the union formed by marriage of these divided kingdoms will not mix and will not last. In the days of the divided kingdom, God will setup a kingdom

that will never be destroyed. Nor will the coming kingdom be passed on to another generation of people.

The kingdom of God will break all of these kingdoms in pieces, just as stone not made with hands shattered the idol into pieces. They will be destroyed, never to return again, and the kingdom of God will last forever.

While Nebuchadnezzar describes the kingdom of God from the head (himself), John the Revelator describes the kingdom from the ten toes. John describes Babylon as the great mystery, the great evil that had endured throughout the ancient world. Just as the idolatrous Babylon and her offspring had the blood on the swords from the Children of Israel, the mystery woman described as "Babylon the great" was drunk with the blood of the saints. The idolatry that was quickly spread through the ports of the city of Tyre had been passed down from kingdom to kingdom.

While the focal point of most doomsday

prophets is typically the woman John describes, the situation leading to the events of the end of days is much more complex. The woman is seated on waters, which the angel said represented many multitudes of people from other nations and languages.

The part these doomsday prophets miss is critical.

The ten horns AND the beast hate the prostitute. The ten nations described by Nebuchadnezzar's dream, and the ten horns described by John the Revelator match the events in Zechariah 14. They all are persuaded by God to hand over authority to the beast. God has placed his "hooks" in these nations, drawing them all together for the battle of Armageddon.

While many men over time have combined the "mystery Babylon, mother of prostitutes" with the "woman drunk with the blood of the saints," John did not describe these two as the selfsame individual. In fact, John mentions the two

separately.

This woman drunk with the blood of the saints is hated by the beast, Satan himself, and the nations descending from Babylon. It is a city that will be made desolate and naked, completely cleansed through the fire. God has instilled His purpose into all of these surrounding nations to strike against Jerusalem to cleanse it from all unrighteousness.

Jesus condemned Jerusalem for the blood of the God's anointed in Matthew 23: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, killing the prophets and stoning those who are sent to you! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! Behold, your house is forsaken and desolate."

Again in Matthew 24 "Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. But he answered them, "You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you,

there will not be left here one stone upon another, that will not be thrown down."

The last verse of Revelation 17 gives the key: "The woman that you saw is the great city that has dominion over the kings of the earth."

Mount Zion, the Temple Mount, the Holy City, Jerusalem will be completely destroyed at Armageddon, and is the city where God comes down to sit on the throne. Nebuchadnezzar's idol, mystery Babylon, will be completely obliterated by the stone not cut by human hands, Christ the cornerstone.

As Christians, we should ask ourselves: Have we read ALL that the prophets wrote about the coming kingdom of God? Have we focused on the "Evening Light" that comes after the flesh has rotted off of the dead bodies, or have we focused on Christ coming down from glory to sit on His throne?

Have we listened to evangelists and

prophets claiming that Khrushchev and Eisenhower were the "Iron and the Clay?" Did we not notice when the "Iron and the Clay" changed to Roman Catholicism through masonic teachings by the same false prophets? Were we confused when that same false prophet said that America was the focal point for Armageddon and later changed that focal point to Rome? Why did that prophet not study all the scriptures that describe the event, which points directly to Jerusalem as the focal point?

King Nebuchadnezzar, though the golden king of Babylon and a worshipper of Baal, repented when he heard the Word of God. In [Daniel 4](#), he lifted his voice up in praise to God, though living a life with idolatry and sin.

Will you, having lived a life of idolatry through worship of a false prophet accept the Word of God that is found in the Bible as your Absolute? Will you lift up your voice to God and give Him praise for His coming kingdom?

The False Prophet

A study that ties with the “Evening Light described in [Zechariah 14](#), is the study of the seventh messenger’s trumpet described in [Revelation 10-11](#). It also used by many cult leaders to promote themselves as the “end time messengers.”

Revelation 10 gives a mystery. To the bible reader who avoids the book of Revelation for the level of study required to connect it to all of the other pertaining Bible scriptures, it is a *great* mystery. Seemingly one that God gives little clues about.

But to the person who is constantly reading the Word, there are several clues that are very evident. In fact, they are in the very next chapter of Revelation.

John writes that a mighty angel came down, wrapped in a cloud with a rainbow over his head. His face was like the sun and his legs like pillars of fire. In his hand was a scroll.

The angel stood with one foot on the sea and one foot on the land, and when he spoke, seven thunders sounded. John knew

what the seven thunders uttered, but a voice from the heavens told John not to write. The mystery was sealed up.

Then comes the verse that cult leaders use, pointing to themselves, Revelation 10:7: "But in the days of the trumpet call to be sounded by the seventh angel, the mystery of God would be fulfilled, just as he announced to his servants the prophets."

The voice from the heavens told John to eat the scroll, and he did. It tasted as sweet as honey, but made his stomach very bitter.

At the end of Revelation 10, there is a verse that seems to be missed by the followers of the cult leaders who use this chapter of Revelation. The voice from the heavens spoke again, and told John that he must prophecy again about many peoples and nations, which is described in the next chapter, Revelation 11.

Revelation 11 describes the same events that are described in Zechariah 14, but adds additional details. Also, it confirms

the prophecy given by Zechariah. At the same time, it gives more clues to the prophecy given in Revelation 10 about the "seventh messenger," which seem not to be studied by these cult leaders proclaiming to be the seventh messenger.

Just as Zechariah saw in a vision, God comes down to His throne before the seventh messenger sounds the trumpet. John takes this thought into greater detail, because he was giving a measuring staff to measure the temple that God would sit in.

John is told to measure the inside of the temple, but not the courts outside. Just as Zechariah wrote, John describes a great battle that would take place, one that would last for forty-two months. The outside of the temple, the courtyard, would be trampled.

Next, John adds another detail: the two witnesses. These two witnesses will prophesy for 1,260 days before the seventh messenger sounds his trumpet, all the

while protected by God Himself. John is told that these are the two olive trees, the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth. If anyone should harm them, they would be utterly destroyed. Fire pours out of their mouth!

These two witnesses have power from God. They have the power to shut the sky, explaining the famine described in Zechariah. During their days of prophesying, they will shut the sky so that no rain will fall on the nations surrounding Israel. The plagues that Zechariah describes are confirmed by John, but amplified by the two witnesses. They have the power to turn the waters into blood and strike the earth with every kind of plague -- as often as they desire.

Next, still before the seventh messenger sounds his trumpet, we see the beast. When the two witnesses have finished their testimony, the beast rises from the bottomless pit. He makes war on the two witnesses, and kills them. Their bodies lie in the streets of the city where

the Lord was crucified. For three and a half days, people from all nations will gaze at their dead bodies, refusing to let them be buried. The world will rejoice because of the death of these two prophets, because the plagues have ended and the two witnesses, the two prophets of God are dead.

But not for long.

Still before the seventh messenger sounds his trumpets, Almighty God will give these two prophets the breath of life. They stand to their feet once more, and the earth trembles in fear because of the power and resurrection from God in these two witnesses. As their enemies watch, a voice from the heavens will call them, and they rise to heaven in a cloud.

Next, and still before the seventh messenger sounds his trumpet, a great earthquake takes place. A tenth of the city of Jerusalem is to fall, and seven thousand people will be killed by the earthquake. It will be such a terrible catastrophe that the

rest of the city will be terrified of these events and give glory to God in heaven.

Finally, after all of these events, none of which that have happened yet, we find John describing the next event that cult leaders proclaim points to themselves: The seventh messenger and his trumpet. Their announcement is something special, something described by both Zechariah and by John in their visions, the great event we all have been looking for: The day that Christ reigns as king.

When the seventh angel sounds his trumpet, the kingdom of this world becomes the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. He shall reign forever as king of this world, and will sit on the throne in the temple that John measured.

The dead will be judged; the reward will come for His servants both small and great, and the destroyers of the earth will themselves be destroyed. The Ark of the Covenant will once again be seen in the temple, and it will be an awesome

sight. Flashes of lightning will be seen, rumblings of the earth will be felt, and thunders will be heard. As it sits down, an earthquake will shake the earth and heavy hail will fall.

As Christians, we should ask ourselves: Has the seventh angel sounded the trumpet? Do we see God sitting on His throne? Have we seen two witnesses strike the earth with plagues? Have we seen their dead bodies lying in the streets where our Lord was crucified? Have we seen them rise again and ride a cloud of Glory into heaven? Have we witnessed famine in the nations that surround Israel, so much that they cry out unto the One True God for mercy?

After the death of these false messengers, proclaiming to be the seventh angel, have we seen God judging the earth? Have we been given our reward? Or have we listened to a false leader who purposefully tried to position himself into great power using twisted scriptures?

As It Was In The Days of Noah

Cult leaders who divide the body of Christ to make their concept of the 'little bride' often reference the scriptures comparing the days of Noah to the End of Days. By separating the body of Christ with these doctrines, not only are they implementing fear tactics to hold their cult following, they are disregarding God's Eternal Covenant of Peace.

The two scriptures most commonly used by these cult leaders and false prophets are found in Matthew and Luke:

But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Matthew 24:37

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 Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; [Luke 17:26-28](#)

William Branham advanced this doctrine by combining these two scriptures with 1 Peter 3:20, and making them into one. These were often quoted as though they were read directly from the Bible as one scripture. 1 Peter 3:20 says:

Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. 1 Peter 3:20

When we read the first two scriptures in context, we find that the message given was that the second coming of Christ will come as a surprise to many. There will be those who have not surrendered their souls to Christ, and will be living their lives as usual when the

sudden end will come.

After combining the third scripture, however, there is a significant change. 1 Peter 3:20, which is describing the patience of God when Noah and his family were saved from the flood, gives a number of the people saved from the waters that covered the face of the earth. That number was eight, a very small number compared to the millions of people throughout the earth.

Combining these scriptures into one, William Branham would preach sermons with titles like "One in a Million," planting fear that even those sitting in his sermons might not make it into his version of "The Rapture." This even fooled the editors of the text translated from the recorded sermons. Not knowing the scriptures themselves, they placed quotes around them as though these were taken directly from the Bible:

"As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the coming of the Son of man, wherein eight souls was saved by water." --Branham 65-0418E

For those who are now realizing that William Branham's many prophecies did not come to pass and that many of his Bible 'revelations' either did not match scripture or were taken from books of men with Freemason background, it is important that we realize that twisting scriptures to change their meaning is an abomination before the Lord. We do not need be afraid of this false doctrine.

[Isaiah 54](#) gives us the description of the Eternal Covenant of Peace, directly from the mouth of God Himself.

Through Isaiah, God says that we should rejoice. We will not be a small body of Christ, eight souls as these false prophets describe. God says that though there were few, there would one day be many. The children of the 'desolate one' will be more than the children of the married one.' He says that we need to enlarge our tents, and stretch out our habitations to hold them all! Christians will be spread far and wide, and there will be Christians in high places.

God says that we no longer need to be in shame. We are made righteous, and will not be disgraced. We are The Bride, and our Maker is our Husband. The Lord of Hosts is His Name! The Holy One of Israel is our Redeemer, and He is the God of the whole earth!

God says that though we were deserted for a brief moment, during the times of the Mosaic Law, He came back with great and everlasting love and compassion. We are now His people!

God reminds us of the days of Noah; when He swore that the waters would no more cover the earth. He said that He would not be angry with us, and will not rebuke us. Though the mountains and hills be removed, His steadfast love will never depart from us!

This Eternal Covenant of Peace is not for a short time. God says that His Covenant of Peace will never be removed!

As Christians, we should ask ourselves: Have we been taught a message of fear? Have we

let a false prophet twist scriptures to his own advantage, and in doing so caused us to learn bible verses that were not written by the men of God? Have we let twisted scriptures make us forget the Eternal Covenant of Peace? Are we afraid of the return of Christ, when he will tread down the wicked? Do we think that the blood of Christ is not sufficient for more than eight souls?

Harvest Time

Our study of the "Evening Light" transitions to [Isaiah chapters 3-4](#). Isaiah confirms the previous studies we've done that include Daniel 2, Zechariah 14, Revelation 10-11, and Revelation 17, but also includes [Revelation 14](#): The harvest.

Isaiah confirms Zechariah's prophecy of the desolation that is to befall the region surrounding Jerusalem. He writes that God will take away all support and their entire supply of bread and water. While Zechariah describes the condition of famine that will befall each nation that refuses God as he sits on the Throne on Mount Zion, Isaiah is certain that many will refuse.

Isaiah says that the famine will be so great that every respected mighty man of Israel will become so beaten down that they can be ruled as a father rules over an infant. Every man from the captain of the soldiers to the mighty soldier to the prophets to the elders to the counselors will become humbled like children. All will be despised.

As John the Revelator writes in Revelation 11, Jerusalem will symbolically be called Sodom. Isaiah says that the desolation will be so great that any man can become the leader of these broken down people. But the city of Jerusalem will lie as a heap of ruins, and nobody will want it. There will be no bread, no sustenance to supply people of the land. The surrounding people will blame Israel for their broken-down and defeated situation. The look on their faces will bear witness against them, and will proclaim their sin like the days of Sodom.

At that time, God will start the Harvest.

Revelation 17 describes the "woman," which John says is the city: "The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality. And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: "Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations." And I saw the

woman, drunk with the blood of the saints,
the blood of the martyrs of Jesus."

Isaiah describes the city in the same manner, and how God Himself will sit down on His throne to judge the people that have filled the city to ravish God's chosen Israel. God will stand with the elders and the princes of Israel to execute judgment upon the daughters of the prostitute.

God, speaking through Isaiah says, "It is you who have devoured the vineyard, the spoil of the poor is in your houses. What do you mean by crushing my people, by grinding the face of the poor?" declares the Lord God of hosts. The Lord said: Because the daughters of Zion are haughty and walk with outstretched necks, glancing wantonly with their eyes, mincing along as they go, tinkling with their feet, therefore the Lord will strike with a scab the heads of the daughters of Zion, and the Lord will lay bare their secret parts."

The fine linen of purple and scarlet, the jewels, and everything precious worn

described in Revelation 17 will be taken away according to Isaiah. Even the perfume will be replaced with the bitter aroma of rottenness, and the people will become even more broken.

Isaiah describes what happens to the seven heads that John describes in Revelation 17, and confirms what happens after the famine in Zechariah 14. The surrounding nations will become so desperate from the plagues issues by the Two Witnesses, so hungry from the famine when the two witnesses take away all rain, that they will turn to God. Just as Zechariah describes the nations joining in the Feast of Booths, Isaiah describes that the seven "women" will take hold of one "man" in that day begging to eat their own bread and take away their reproach. They will cry out for mercy from God, begging to be called by His name if they will just give them food!

The survivors of the great events to happen in Jerusalem will be made great. The fruit of the land will restore pride and honor to them, and all who remain in Jerusalem will

be called holy. Every single person that survives!

The filth of the "great prostitute" John describes in Revelation will be washed away according to Isaiah. Isaiah says that God will cleanse the bloodstains of Jerusalem by the great judgment and burning that is to come.

Then, in His temple, God's throne will be established. Isaiah says that over the entire site of Mount Zion, God will create a cloud of smoke and flaming fire. Revelation 11 calls it "flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail." All signs form a canopy from glory, providing a shade from the heat in the daylight hours, and a shelter from the storm and rain.

Dawn of the Dead

In combination with the scriptures we've already examined in Zechariah 14 and Revelation 10, we find that Luke 17 is also twisted by cult leaders to point the text to their own ministry. Rather than elevate Christ in His coming Glory by proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom, they proclaim that their own ministry is the "gospel of the kingdom," by pointing these scriptures to their own 'message'.

In The Early Writings of Charles Taze Russell, Charles Taze Russell, founder of the Jehovah's Witnesses claims that Luke 17 was mistranslated. In an article entitled, "Wherein Did We Err", he describes the actual "kingdom of heaven" timeline, which coincides with his own ministry. William Branham applied Luke 17:30 to his own ministry over thirty times in 1965 alone. In fact, if we examine all of the men claiming to be the "end time messenger" who gave a date prediction of the end of days, we find most of them applied the "Kingdom of Heaven Gospel" to their own ministry.

In scriptures, we find that the Pharisees asked Jesus when the kingdom of God would come, but the reply Jesus gave confused them. While He was standing in their midst, He said that the "kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed," and that it "is in the midst of you."

Alone to his disciples, he gives a fuller description. Jesus told His disciples that the day would come when you would want to see one of the "days" of the Son of Man [Jesus], but would not see it. Jesus was telling his disciples that people would one day rise and try to predict the "day" of His coming.

These men would lead you astray with this desire to see one of the days. Jesus said that they would say to you,

"Look there," or "Look here! Do not go out and follow them. As Jesus said in other scriptures, no man knows the day or the hour.

Then, Jesus gives clear description of what events to look for. They match John's description in Revelation 10 exactly. Jesus said to look for lightening that flashes and lights up the sky from one side of the other. This is what it will be like when the Son of Man comes.

Jesus reminds them that they are not in the generation of the Kingdom of God. He told his disciples that he would suffer many things and be rejected by this [their] generation.

Jesus then speaks of the dreadful events that Zechariah describes. He warned them that the time would catch people unawares; many would be celebrating just as it was in the days of Noah when they were taken by surprise. John writes in Revelation 10 that there would be a great celebration at the killing of the two witnesses. Jesus said it was also like the days of Lot, when they were celebrating and building. Fire and sulfur caught them unaware.

But Jesus gives a good hint: "Remember Lot's wife." He reminded His disciples that Lot's wife paused to look back, and that was her demise. She was turned into a pillar of salt because she did not flee with decisiveness. Jesus said, "let the one on the housetop not go inside to gather his goods when he flees. Let the one who is in the field not turn back to his own house when he flees.

Jesus confirms Zechariah's description of half the city of Jerusalem destroyed. Jesus said there would be two women grinding at the mill, one taken and the other left. Two will be sleeping in their beds, the one taken and the

other left.

His disciples asked him where these people, half of the city of Jerusalem, would be taken. Jesus gave them clear description of what would happen to them: Where the corpse is, the vultures will gather.

Some translations describe this is where the "carcass" is, the "eagles" will gather, and cult leaders take this verse out of context to point to their own ministry. If they realized that it was speaking of where the dead bodies will go after Armageddon, how that the eagles, vultures, and other birds of prey would be feeding on the dead, they would surely change their doctrine. ...Unless their doctrine is simply that: feeding upon the dead.

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Almost 36 years in “the Message”, the name of the group of people (cult) following the teachings of William Marrion Branham, John has dedicated his life towards helping those who are still in this cult, and to those who are no longer bound but serving Jesus Christ with many questions. His goal is to remind both groups that we serve a living God who does not look to any organization, doctrine, mystery, or gift of the Spirit; we serve a God who looks at the heart.

His main purpose is to point others back to the Bible, which is the Absolute. All words of men may fail, but the Word of God will never fail. We should put our hearts and minds back on Jesus Christ, who died on the cross so that ALL could be saved by grace through faith.

Seek Ye The Truth started as a central place for all cult followers to ask the questions openly and anonymously, many of which they had in their hearts and minds for several years and were afraid to ask. The original goal was to go "hand in hand" with the local pastors, spreading the answers and vindicating the teachings of William Marrion Branham.

As research started to progress, more false teachings were found than truths. More prophecies had failed than had succeeded. None could be proven. Bible teachings came from Gnostic texts and other strange beliefs, and did not line up with the Word of God. Cult pastors had no answer.

While some live normal lives walking "middle ground," many are starting to become very hurt and abused. Many suffer depression. Physical and sexual abuse, and self-condemnation stories started surfacing.

Over time, Seek Ye The Truth slowly transformed from a site of questions into a site dedicated to help those in need. There are almost two million cult followers of William Branham around the world, making it larger than some of the other cult followings, and there are almost no support groups for those desperately seeking help. Please join us as we help others.

God Bless You!

