

Notes used in the Message

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I CORINTHIANS 14:6

6 ¶ Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine?

I CORINTHIANS 14:8-11

8 For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?

9 So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.

10 There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them [is] without signification.

11 Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh [shall be] a barbarian unto me.

I CORINTHIANS 14:20

20 Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.

EPHESIANS 4:8

8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

II PETER 1:8-9

» 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

» 9 † But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

PHILIPPIANS 4:11-12

» 11 † Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

» 12 † I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

9-1 INTRODUCTION.REVELATION.OF.JESUS.CHRIST - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.1 INTRODUCTION

Though this volume will concern itself with various major doctrines (such as the Godhead, Water Baptism, etc.) found in Revelation, chapters One through Three, its main theme is the setting forth of a detailed study of the Seven Church Ages. This is necessary in order to study and understand the rest of the Revelation, for out of the Ages come the Seals, and out of the Seals come the Trumpets, and out of the Trumpets come the Vials. Like the first burst of a Roman candle, the Church Ages come forth with a mighty initial illumination, without which there could be no further light. But once the brilliance of the Seven Church Ages is given by Divine revelation, light upon light follows, until the whole of the Revelation opens wide before our wondering eyes; and we, edified and purified by its Spirit, are made ready for His glorious appearing, even our Lord and Saviour, the One True God, Jesus Christ.

57-0420 THE.ENTOMBMENT_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ER 55-72 SATURDAY_

« 85 † You see, when that Seed was promised in the garden of Eden, the devil has constantly tried to destroy that Seed. And the death of Abel and the coming of Seth was just a death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. That Seed must continue. And he tried to destroy It.

He said, "I thought I had You when I destroyed Abel. I thought I had You when I destroyed the prophets. I was positive I had You when I beheaded John. But now, after all, You've arrived. I've got You now." Oh, my.

« 87 † **I can hear Him say, "Satan, come here." He's Boss now. Reaches over, grabs that key of death and hell off his side, hung it on His Own side. "I want to serve notice on you. You've been a bluff long enough. I am the virgin-born Son of the living God. My Blood is still wet on the cross, and the full debt is paid.** You have no rights no more. You are stripped. Give me those keys." That's right. Turns around and gives him a good healthy kick, and slams the door together, and say, "Stay in there. I'm Boss from now on."

Now, He didn't have the keys to the Kingdom, 'cause He give them to Peter; we get on that in the morning in water baptism. But He had the keys to death and hell, and He took them; after His resurrection He said, "I got the keys of death and hell." Peter had the keys of the Kingdom. Satan had the keys of death and hell; but now Jesus has got them; He's Boss.

89 † **Here He starts up. It's getting Easter; time's passing fast. But there's another group. Where is Job? Where's Abraham? Where are they at? Where's those fellows that trusted God's Word? Has He forgotten them? Did death annihilate them? Was that all of it? Never, never; God has to keep His Word.**

I can see Him. Let's take a little peep into Paradise, and look over there. And I see Sarah and Abraham walking around there, and after while [Brother Branham knocks--Ed.] something on the door. Abraham goes and opens the door, said, "Honey, come here. Looky here. Looky here; that's the very same One that stood with me under the oak that day." He's Abraham's God.

Just then I can see Daniel look over his shoulder and say, "That's the Rock that was hewed out of the mountain, just as certain as I am standing here."

I see Job raise up, said, "That's my Redeemer that I said I knew that lived, and someday He'd stand upon the earth. My body may not be but a little spoonful of ashes, but in fifteen minutes from now I'll be in it again. That's Him."

Ezekiel looks over the top, and said, "I seen that same Person as a Wheel in the middle of the Wheel, turning, way up in the middle of the air." Oh, my.

Then up comes Enoch. Enoch said, "I saw Him coming with ten thousands of His saints to execute judgment."

† **There was the Old Testament saints waiting; sure they was. Under the atonement of blood they could not go in the Presence of the God--God of heaven, because goat and sheep blood could not take away sin.**

But He said, "My brethren, I am the One that you think I am. I am the Seed of the woman. I am the Son of David. I am the Son of God. I am the virgin-born One. My Blood has atoned for it. You waited under the blood of sheep and goats, but now My Blood atones, and you're free. Let's go up; it's getting almost Easter." Just think, that was just about nineteen hundred and something years ago tonight.

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« 97 † **I can hear Abraham say, "Lord, when we get up in our body again, Sarah and I just loved it so well, do You mind if we make a little whistle stop, kind of, on Your road?"**

Why, I can hear Him say, "Why, no, certainly not. I'm going to stay with My disciples for about forty days. Look around and see how everything looks."

On that glorious Easter morning (where we'll take up in the morning, the Lord willing) when He rose from the dead, the **Bible said according to St. Matthew 27, that "Many of the saints that slept in the dust of the earth, rose and come out of the graves." Who was it? Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Job, those who by spiritual revealed revelation knowed that the Redeemer would stand on the earth someday. That's them, the firstfruits of those that slept.**

There they walked in the city. I can see Sarah and Abraham, young, and full of--and handsome, and--and full of life, never to be old no more, never to be sick no more, never to hunger no more, walking around in their body.

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« 100 † Caiaphas standing there, saying, "You know what? There was something happened the other day, just look at this mess this temple's in. There's... We're going to have to get someone to sew that curtain up. Look at those, sacrifice box turned over. What happened? Was that guy an astrologer? Was He a witch? Or, what happened? Say, come here, Josephus, who is that young couple standing there?"

Abraham said, "Sarah, we're recognized. We better get out."

"Appeared to many." That wasn't all of it. In closing, watch. **One day when after He had, they'd visit:**

Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all of them had visit the homeland. When Jesus ascended up...

You say, "Brother Branham, is that mythical?" No, sir. I'll show you the Scriptures in a minute.

When He begin to go up, they only seen Him, but the Old Testament saints went with Him, for the Bible said that He led captivity captive and give gifts unto men. And I can see Him as He goes up, and joins with His church.

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« 104 † **Two Angels out of the band that were playing the music, come back there, and said, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand you looking up? For this same Jesus, that was taken up, is coming again." Certainly. They hurried back to join the procession.**

And down through the skies Jesus and the Old Testament saints went. They passed the moon; they passed the sun; they passed the stars. And when they got in sight of that great, beautiful white heavens, the Old Testament saints screamed out, quoted the Scripture, "Lift up, ye everlasting gates, and be ye lifted up. Lift up, ye everlasting gates, and be ye lifted up. And let the King of Glory come in."

All the Angels gathered up on the top of the banisters of heaven, and said, "Who is this King of Glory?" The Old Testament saints said, "The Lord of hosts, mighty in battle. He was a Conqueror."

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« 108 † **The Angel pressed the big button, and the pearly gates swung open; right down through the City of Jerusalem come the great, mighty Conqueror, bringing the Old Testament saints.**

The Angelic bands a-playing, **as the Angels a-shouting...** He was the mighty Conqueror. He had the keys of death and hell hanging on His side, **going right down a past the palaces of Glory till He got to the throne.** And He said, "Father, here they are. They believed in faith on Your Word, that I'd come someday. I have conquered both death and hell." What was it, brother? He had the scars in His hand to show that He had been in the battle. Glory to God in the highest. He is that mighty Conqueror. **"Here they are, Father;**

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."

I can hear Him say, "Son, climb up here by My side, and set down until I make every enemy Your footstool." Brother, someday He will come again, and what a day it will be.

He wasn't idle when He was in the tomb. We think He was just laying there, dead. But He was down still conquering; He went down and took the keys away from Satan, He's got the keys of both death and hell tonight. He said, **"Because I live, you can live, also."**

ISRAEL.AT.THE.RED.SEA.1 JEFF.IN IC 35-64 53-0326

72 046 Along came Jesus, they--the promised One. They done to Him what they said they would, and, oh, they killed Him. **He died. His soul descended into hell, preached to the souls that are in prison, taken the keys of death and hell away from the Devil, returned back on Easter morning. And as He come through paradise, He knocked at the door. Hallelujah. I can hear Him say, "Children."**

Abraham say, "Who is That?"

"I'm your Seed, the Seed of Abraham."

Daniel said, "Who is That?"

"I'm the Stone that was cut out of the mountain."

There they are, the Old Testament saints laying there, waiting to be clothed upon in paradise. He opened up the door. Abraham said, "Are we going out?"

"It's almost daylight on earth. Let's get ready to go."

Abraham said, "Can we make a little whistle stop? I'd like to look the city over."

"Well, yes, I'm going to visit with My disciples for forty days." And on Easter morning He arose.

And Matthew 27 says that many of the bodies of the saints that slept in the dust of the earth, rose, and came out of the city, and appeared to many of them in the city.

I can see Sarah and Abraham coming down the street, saying, "Oh, honey, look there. They've changed these things a little bit. Look around here how this looks."

Somebody said, "Who is that couple there? It seems like they're strangers."

They say, "We're recognized." [Brother Branham snaps his finger--Ed.] Vanished out of their sight, like He went through the wall, you know, and they didn't even know or see Him come in. Went out. They had glorified bodies, and they appeared back on earth (Hallelujah.) for a firstfruits of the proof of God's power and the resurrection. There they was. Robbed and stripped principalities, and took death and hell, smothered it up, and rose up on Easter morning, and entered into the Kingdom with Him.

No wonder they said, "Bury me in Palestine." They knowed the resurrection was going to be in Palestine.

55-0225 GLORIFIED.JESUS_ PHOENIX.AZ FRIDAY_

« E-54 † The patriarchs and prophets a answering to Him... **I can hear Him say, "Get ready, children. You've died under a good faith. You come God's provided way. And I've made a way now. You're going back to receive your immortal bodies. Just a few minutes it's going be daylight, and we've got to appear on earth."**

I hear Abraham say, "Master, can we make a little whistle stop? I'd like to look around the old city and see how it looks."

Daniel say, "I'd like to go out where I saw the visions."

He said, "Sure. I'm going to be there for several days, talking to My disciples and instructing them and-- concerning the things of the Kingdom of God. I've got to anoint them, and the Holy Spirit's a coming... Tell them to preach the Gospel and heal the sick to all the world."

Daylight came. The Angels rolled the stone away. A great mysterious something happened. I can see Caiaphas walking down the street and say, "You know the story they're telling about that man, raised from the dead? I hear them say He come right into a--a building last night and talked to the disciples and so forth. **I see Sarah and Abraham, sweethearts, never to be old no more, arm in arm, walking down the street. And I hear Abraham say, "Sarah, darling, look at that old place, you remember that?"**

"Yeah, I remember it. Why, I remember when I met Melchizedek, right out there, the King of Salem, paid Him a tithe of all the spoils."

Caiaphas said, "Who is that young couple? Looks like I've seen them."

"Watch out, Sarah, we're being noticed." Disappeared like Christ did, coming through the walls: glorified body.

After forty days He pulled His disciples out there and blessed them and said, "Go into all the world and preach this Gospel; I'm coming back again. I'll be with you always unto the end of the world."

RAPTURE.THE YUMA.AZ V-5 N-14 65-1204

170 130 Watch in the Old Testament, them Old Testament saints now when this rapture first taken place. Notice verse 50: His loud voice awakened the Old Testament saints just exactly like the loud voice wakened Jesus--or wakened Lazarus. See? The loud voice awakened. And the second is fulfilled in I Thessalonians the 4th chapter. Let's just take a read--read... We just read it a few minutes ago. See? "I would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning those that sleep, that you sorrow not, even..." That's I Thessalonians 4:12-18. That--that will be the second rapture. The second rapture will be the catching away of the Bride.

171 131 The Old Testament saints has gone into His presence, paradise done away. And the Old Testament saints ascended up at His loud voice when He screamed and give up the ghost. Because why? The sacrifice, their propitiation of their sins that they'd waited on... Believing that perfect Lamb was coming, they'd offered the sacrifice of the lamb. And when He died and yielded up the ghost, He screamed with a loud voice, and the Old Testament saints awoke. Watch the shout and the voice over here, the same thing at His coming. See? Yielded up the ghost, and when He did the sacrifice was perfect, and paradise emptied out; and the Old Testament saints came to the earth again, walked around on earth, and entered in with Him at His rapture.

172 132 David said over there, "Lift up, ye everlasting gates, and be ye lifted up."
He led captive captive and give gifts unto man. When the Old Testament saints went in with Him, they said, "Who is this King of righteousness?"

"The Lord of glory, mighty in host--mighty host." Here they come in, marching. Jesus led captivity captive. And here He comes with the Old Testament saints, and the--went into the new gates up there, and said, "Lift up, ye everlasting gates, and be ye lifted up, and let the King of glory come in."

The voice come from the inside, said, "Who is the King of glory?"

"The Lord, mighty in battle." The gates flew open. And Jesus the conqueror led captive captive them that had believed on Him, and the Word had come to them. There the Old Testament saints laying in there waiting. He led captivity captive, ascended on high took the Old Testament saints and went in. There's one rapture already passed.

176 133 The next rapture takes place is II Thessalonians for the church, the Bride, to be resurrected to be raptured into glory. "We which are alive and remain (that's the body that's left on earth) will not prevent or hinder them which are asleep; for the trumpet of God shall sound ` ` ` ` , and the dead in Christ shall rise. (See?) And we which are alive and remain shall caught up together with them."

65-1204 THE.RAPTURE_ YUMA.AZ V-5 N-14 SATURDAY_

<< 178 † One day, there will come a blast from Heaven, "And the dead in Christ shall rise first." Them Old Testament saints back yonder, who are waiting, will blast forth and come out of there first, and go into the resurrection. We'll drop right in line, going into the sky; these old mortal bodies changed and made like unto His Own glorious body. What a--what a parade that'll be when it starts heavenward, some of these days, in that rapturing time that lays ahead, oh, proudly displaying the Blood of Jesus Christ upon their chests, the Message of God in the hour that they lived in. That's the hour that we're looking forward to, brother.

179 Looky, just in closing now. The second resurrection, all... First one is past. The second one is at hand, right now, will come to hand now.

180 Now, the third one is the two witnesses of Revelations 11:11 and 12. Which, these are the ones that turns back, with the Spirit of Christ, to witness to the Jews, like Joseph did to his brethren. And remember, "Their dead bodies laid in the street, for three days and a half. Then the spirit of life came into them, and they were raptured, taken up into Heaven."

There is your three raptures of the New Testament.

Three raptures of the Old Testament; all of them past.

181 Now we're ready, waiting for the raptures, the Rapture of the saints. It's been spoken, and so shall it be.

65-1204 THE.RAPTURE_ YUMA.AZ V-5 N-14 SATURDAY_

« 166 † Now, if you want to read in Matthew 18:16, It said, "There is three that bear record," see, in Saint... in First John 5:7, so forth. Three is always a witness. Is that right? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] It's a verification, something that's right. Three witnesses bear. **"In the mouth of two or three witness, let every word be established."**

167 Now notice. **We've had three witnesses. Three is a witness.** Now, we have already had three raptures in the Old Testament. Did you know that? As a witness. Now watch. Enoch was one; Elijah was the other one; and Jesus was the other one.

Jesus, being the Keystone, now, He bare record. See? He was the Keystone between the Old and New Testament, 'cause He had to first die and then rapture. He died; come to life and walked around here with us; and then was raptured up. Because, He was the Keystone that tied the two together. After His resurrection and rapture... Look. After He did that, and proved that, the Old Testament there. We all know Enoch was translated. We know Elijah was taken up by a whirlwind, that right, in a chariot of Fire. And Jesus died, buried, rose up and lived here on earth, and then was raptured up, the Keystone. There is three, to bear record. Is that right?

65-1204 THE.RAPTURE_ YUMA.AZ V-5 N-14 SATURDAY_

« 168 † **Now, there has been one rapture already passed.** You know that? That, let's see if we can't read it, right quick. Let's get **Matthew, the 27th chapter.** And let's get about the 45th verse of the Matthew, the 27th chapter. Let's see if we can't get that right quick, and see if--if we can't get just a little bit out of this, would help us, right quickly. 27:45, I believe, I got wrote down here.

65-0218 THE.SEED.IS.NOT.HEIR.WITH.THE.SHUCK_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-6 N-4 THURSDAY_

Then what is it now? "We must be about the Father's business," the Wheat would cry back, the Grain. Yes, sir. What must it do? Vindicate Malachi 4, vindicate Luke 17:30, vindicate Hebrews 13:8, vindicate Saint John 14:12, vindicate all of His Word. Vindicate Hebrews, I mean... Revelations, the 10th chapter, of the opening of the Seven Seals, and the mysteries of God; even to serpent's seed, and all, would be manifested; marriage and divorce and all these other mysteries that's been hid under the pillars for all these years, from the theologians and so forth, but it's now the hour. That's the Father's business.

Think they would receive It? They want to be dignified, and say, "Our denomination don't teach us That." But the Bible does. That's right.

65-0218 THE.SEED.IS.NOT.HEIR.WITH.THE.SHUCK_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-6 N-4 THURSDAY_

« 153 **God vindicates It to be true.** Sure, It is fulfilling this age, when the Seven Seals. Or, just proving the denominations has just been carriers, that's another one of Father's business, to prove. And the Father's business now is to show you that them denominations is not His. They're a man-made systems that deny the Word. Right. Notice.

You say, "Well, Mary, the vir-... great virgin!"

63-0825M HOW.CAN.I.OVERCOME_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

« 59 † There is that Elected, that Bride. Not all of the Jewish church come forth at that time. All of them made the same sacrifice. All of them was under the shed blood of the lamb. But there was an elected Group; and that elected Group, as soon as the event come, that really believed in It with sincerity. Now I'm coming to the word overcome. Now hold that. These that had really overcome, sincerely making the same offering that the rest of them made, but, in sincerity, overcome the things of the world. When the propitiation correctly was made for them, they were in paradise until that play at that time. When that time was made, they had overcome and was resting, sleeping; see, "many bodies of those that slept in the dust," see, slept.

« 60 † Now, if we had time, we could go on back to Daniel, when, Daniel, that elected one that had overcome. And He said, "Close up the Book, Daniel, for thou shall rest in thy lot. But when the Prince shall come, which will stand for the people, thou shall stand in that lot." Here it is. Daniel, this prophet of God, saw the end time coming. And He said, "Daniel, you'll stand in your lot at that day." And here he was, come forth; not all of Israel, but the Bride-type of Israel. Now, the rest of Israel don't come forth until the general resurrection.

« 61 † And now, at the Coming of the Lord Jesus, those who are really loving His Coming, that's living for it; when He appears in the sky, the Church that's dead in Christ shall rise, and those will be changed in a moment. The rest of them will know nothing about it. Remember, "Appeared to those in the city." See? The--the--the Rapture will be like that. We'll see each other, and we'll see them. The rest of the world won't see them. It'll be caught away as a secret going. Waiting for that time! Then returning back to the earth for that glorious Millennium; then the thousand years... "The rest of the dead lived not for a thousand years."

« 62 And then come forth the general resurrection, where, all Israel. And also, looky there, the twelve apostles, the twelve patriarchs, all represented. And we ain't never got to that yet. Maybe, the Lord willing, we'll get to it in the Testament, how that those walls of jasper, and twelve stones, twelve gates, twelve foundations, all of that's represented. Here they are on twelve thrones, the angel-messengers of those days, to pass judgment upon those who rejected their message. Amen. There comes forth that great hour. Yeah.

63 What a day, what a time that we're living! How that we should check up, Church. Now we talk about these things coming, that's going to come. Now, today, let's drop back here and see, check ourselves and see if we're right in the Faith.