

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE BRUISED SERPENT

The term "bruised serpent" took out of hand in the message so that it became the visible symbol of the struggle of Christians against the worship of William Marrion Branham.

In order to illuminate the whole religious world we have conducted a detailed study to show the different outlines of the term and to remove any confusion surrounding this concept.

So we wish you a good reading and believe that the Lord will help you in reading this article that hopefully rewarding !

What is the bruised serpent?

The bruised serpent is not a sermon as such, but it is a vision relating to a fact that William Marrion Branham tells in the brochure Revelation Chapter 5 (first part).

To understand the vision of the bruised serpent, it is in our interest to first understand this great prophecy and promise of Genesis 3: 15 described in the Holy Scriptures of the Bible.

In Genesis 3: 15a, it's about two enmities.

First: And I will put enmity between thee (serpent) and the woman,

Second: and between thy seed and her seed

Moreover, Brother Branham tells us that enmity is war.

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§ 193 Now, here comes the seed of the--of the serpent. Now, remember, there'll be enmity, war between them.

The first war is also described *in Revelation 12: 1-6*

1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

This war is between the woman and the dragon. The dragon here represents Rome and the wife represents the remainder of the seed of the woman who goes through the Great Tribulation.

THE.TEN.VIRGINS.AND.THE.HUNDRED.AND.FORTY.FOUR.THOUSAND.JEWS_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC 425-492 SUNDAY_60-1211M

53 And then here come the dragon, the Roman hierarchy. (Which, the Church Itself had been raptured, was in Glory at the Wedding Supper for three and a half years.) Then the dragon, see, the dragon is always "Rome," the red dragon. Now to make that sure to you, in--in Revelation 12, the dragon was wroth with the woman that was to bring forth the man Child that's to rule all nations with a rod of iron, and he spurted water out of his mouth and... or--or to make war with the remnant of the seed. But the red dragon, first, he stood before this woman. As soon as the woman was to deliver this Child, he was to devour that Child as soon as He brought It forth. Now, who stood before the Israelite church (the woman Israel), to devour her Child (Jesus) as soon as It was born? Rome! Herod issued a proclamation that--that everybody was to kill every child from two-year-old down, there went a slaughter through that killed all the Hebrew children throughout the country. Very same thing that Pharaoh done to catch Moses, which was the type of Him, slaughtered all the children and missed him. Oh--oh--oh--oh, God knows how to hide them.

In Genesis 3: 15b, it describes the character of the second war which opposes both seeds. it shall bruise thy head (woman seed shall bruise serpent head) and thou shalt bruise his heel (the serpent shall bruise the heel of the woman seed).

Notice also the dragon here is the ancient serpent, the devil.

Revelation 12 : 9

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

After scrutinizing with the Scriptures the origin of the bruised serpent – which until now the greatest stumbling block on the way to the worship of William Marrion BRANHAM – we are going to study the wars (enmities) which oppose both seeds and finally we shall discover through the Light of the Word the identity of seeds.

After that, you will be able to draw your own conclusions, which are, shall we or not worship William Marrion BRANHAM ?

LES SOULS.THAT.ARE.IN.PRISON.NOW_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-22 SUNDAY_63-1110M

Jesus. We find out that, Jesus, in His ministry, after He had preached to the people. Now we're going to be real Scriptural on this. After Jesus had finished His ministry, and His ministry was rejected by the people. **Now you'll read between the lines, draw your own conception.** Remember what I told you at the first. After He had preached...

In Genesis 3 : 15b ; we discovered that this verse describes both wars. Let's ask Brother Branham on the meaning of those wars.

Question 1 : What does bruise the head mean ?

Brother Branham is clear on this point. Let's read what he is saying about.

THE.SERPENT'S.SEED_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-4 SUNDAY_58-0928E

§ 162 "Now," you say, "that's wrong." All right, we'll just find out whether it's wrong or not. "And I will put enmity between thy seed and the serpent's seed." What? The serpent's seed. She had a seed, and he had a seed. "And he shall bruise thy head, and you shall bruise his heel." A "bruise" there means "to make an atonement."

Now, there's your seed of the serpent. Now, notice, here comes these two men out.

We notice through this Scripture that it's not about bruising any head from any serpent, but it's the Atonement relating to what Satan, the Ancient Serpent did to the woman from the beginning.

THE.FEAST.OF.THE.TRUMPETS_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-16 SUNDAY_ 64-0719M

§ 275 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 tradition, to the genuine Atonement, the Word, Christ impersonated in His Word here, made flesh among us. Science has proved it, by pictures. The church knows it, the world around. We firmly know it, for He's never told us one thing in THUS SAITH THE LORD but what's been the Truth. Did He not say, down there on the river, "As John the Baptist was sent, so will this Message...»

TOKEN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-19 SUNDAY 63-0901M

§ 82 And, now, how could there be a more perfect Sacrifice than God Himself becoming the Atonement, Himself? When God was made flesh, in His Own creative Blood, that it... only way that a Life of God could ever come back.

Brother Branham says that in those two quotations the Atonement is the Word made flesh, Christ, God Himself.

When we discover later who did the Atonement, then we will know who God is, while having in mind that God means "worship subject."

Question 2 : What does bruise the heel mean?

Branham here also simplifies things for us in very clear terms.

THE.MESSAGE.OF.GRACE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-13 N-3 SUNDAY_ 61-0827

§ 75 There in the garden that morning, when sin was so black, Jehovah come in. There stood His couple, standing condemned. There would be no more human race; they had to die; death on the human race, give the world back to wild beasts and there'd been no human race. But in that darkest of hour, in that time when all hopes was gone, grace come pouring through, said, "I'll give you a Saviour, a Messiah." Oh, it's a wonder how God could ever do it. God's amazing grace in the garden of Eden, that give them the promise of a Just One Who could come through the woman. "The woman's Seed shall bruise the serpent's head," the guilty one, "and his head shall bruise her heel," to show there'd be an affliction to the church. But He promised a triumph. What provided a Saviour? Grace.

Brother Branham says here that bruise the heel means that an affliction will arrive to the church, but victory is certain.

The Messianic Psalm gives us more details on that. Psalms 22 : 22-24

I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

Ye that fear the LORD, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.

For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.

Psalm 22, just as the Psalms 2, 8, 16, 45, 72, 89, 110, 118, 132 describe the ministry of the Messiah, during the First and the Second Coming.

Psalm 22, which we referred here talking about an affliction should arrive to the Church.

What does affliction mean ? Grief, sadness, melancholy, nostalgia, regret, lament, sigh, groan, complaint, pain, embarrassment etc.

This Scripture describes the affliction of Jesus at Gethsemane. But the problem here is whether this affliction is the one described in Genesis 3: 15b. So we need to find out if Jesus is the Church because the affliction of Genesis 3: 15b concerns the Church.

Question : What does the Church mean ?

RECOGNIZING.YOUR.DAY.AND.ITS.MESSAGE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-5 N-1 SUNDAY_ 64-0726M

§ 150 You say, "I belong to the church. Hallelujah! Glory to God! I..." You belong to what? The Church is the Word! And the Word says, "It's a shame for you to do it."

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§ 40 My new-year's Message is to the Church elected in Jesus Christ, for 1964. Not--not just the church groups; but the Elect, the Lady, the Lady of--of the Church, Christ's Bride, see, that's who I'm addressing.

Luke 1: 32 says:

He (Jesus) shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

THE.SIXFOLD.PURPOSE.OF.GABRIEL'S.VISIT.TO.DANIEL_JEFFERSONVILLE.IN DA 45-88 SUNDAY_ 61-0730E

§116 Now, to anoint the most Holy. Now, this may be a little bit strange for just a minute to many of you teachers, but I--just hold it just for a minute; let's see how it comes out.

§117 This is the anointing, not of a man... Jesus is already anointed. Is that right? The Book of Acts said that God anointed Jesus with the Holy Ghost, and He went around doing good, and healing the sick, and so forth. Jesus is already... He is Messiah; and "Messiah" means "the anointed one." Is that right? But here at the end time He's to anoint the most Holy.

§ 118 What is the most Holy? To my way of seeing it, which I believe I can prove it by the Scripture, is to anoint the most Holy, which will be the Tabernacle that'll be used during the Millennium (Now listen, and see why I get it) described in Ezekiel the--the 4th chapter the--no, I mean, the 43rd chapter 1st and 6th verse. Let's go back to Ezekiel and find out how he's--pictures in the Millennium, how they will anoint the... Ezekiel 43, and let's just read a little bit here now and see what he's going to do in this Millennium, anointing... Ezekiel 43 (All right.) and now, let's begin with the 1st to the 6th verse. You can read the whole thing after you get home, of course, you that's putting it down, Ezekiel 43. Afterwards...

125 God came into the sanctuary that was to be anointed and was given over to Him for the people to come to worship. So to anoint not thy holy place, but to anoint the most holy place... And we notice that New Jerusalem is the most holy place, and the anointing will be upon the New Jerusalem that descends from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride

adorned for her husband. The anointing will be upon them.

127 When the Tabernacle is erected, the resurrection has come, the Jews has returned, Christ and His Bride has come, the Jew, the 144,000 are sealed, the Millennium has taken place, there will be an anointing when the most Holy Place will be anointed, the Holy, holiest of holies, and the most Holy, when... The most Holy Place is a sanctuary where God lived between the Cherubims, and this time Christ will set in the most Holy Place with the anointing upon Him. And they'll need no sun there, for the Lamb in the midst of the City shall be the Light. The sun will never go down in that City, as old Uncle Jim used to say. And it never will, because Christ will be that Light, the anointed One. And the King will come and take His throne for one thousand years to reign.

129 That's when that City will be anointed. That's when the New Jerusalem will be anointed. And all the nations of the City... Over in Revelations the 22nd chapter, it said the gates shall not be closed by night, 'cause there'll be no night there. And all the kings of the earth shall bring their honor and glory into this City. Its walls will be jasper and sardis stone, twelve manner of stones; and twelve gates shall be one solid pearl on each gate. There shall be no need of a candle in there. There won't be no more sunlight, for the Lamb that's in the midst of the City shall be the Light. And He shall lead His people into Everlasting Life. There will be two trees standing one on either side of the river, and they for the healing of the nation. That's that anointed One that'll come, the Holy City descending from God out of heaven coming to the earth.

THIRST_ TUCSON.AZ V-16 N-6 SUNDAY_ 65-0919

§ 207 See, the House of God, the soul-cooling waters of Jerusalem, which is above! Jesus said, in John 6:33, "I am the Bread of Life. I am the Bread of Life." Bethlehem, "house of God," our church, earthly church of God, the church that's here on earth. We love to go to the church here on earth, but greater is Jerusalem, which is above, which is God. Jerusalem above, which is God! Greater is that soul's thirst, to be there with Him, than it would be just to satisfy yourself with joining a church somewhere. See, joining a church don't satisfy that thirst. David proved it here, the waters right from the house of God, see, he poured it out upon the ground; to find favor, to get a good cool drink from God. Even on that... Greater than the thirst that's in you, is that thirst of the soul-thirst for God.

208 Notice Jerusalem, the word. "Jerusalem is from above," the Bible said, "which we're... is the Mother of us all." And Christ is our Mother. We realize that God is our Mother, for we are born of Him. The word simply means "peace," Jerusalem, Shalom. Or, Shalom, which means "peace," Jeru-shalom, see, means "peace."

In all the scriptures we have just read, Brother Branham clearly shows us that the Church is not Jesus, the Man of Galilee, he Church is at the end time.

The Church is the Bride, the New Jerusalem, the Holiest of holies, the City Pyramid, the Future Home, the Throne, one Person, the Word, Christ. All these attributes are fulfilled at the end-time, not in the man Jesus of Galilee, because it is not about the Galilean at the end-time, we will discover who is concerned.

We understand that the affliction arriving to the Church is not about Jesus, but it comes through the Holiest of Holies, the Most High, the Father of Jesus.

After understanding the exact meaning of the wars between the two seeds, let's now discover those two seeds.

Question: Who is the Serpent Seed?

THE.SERPENT'S.SEED_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-4 SUNDAY_ 58-0928E

§ 181 And watch the seed of the serpent. Now, watch. Remember the seed of the serpent is religious. Watch it start moving now for a few minutes. Here goes the seed of the serpent. What happened to them? Now, let me just read something here I just wrote down this afternoon. What come through the line of Abel? Listen to this.

§ 221 Certainly, but you see where the seed of the serpent... What was the seed of the serpent? Adultery. You follow it? Adultery with Eve. What happened to that? What brought that forth. What is it tonight?

THE.INVISIBLE.UNION.OF.THE.BRIDE.OF.CHRIST_ SHREVEPORT.LA V-2 N-15 THURSDAY_ 65-1125

§ 162 Cain thought they eat apples. They still got that idea, but it wasn't. It was an adultery, serpent's seed. And there when the Seven Seals opened, it declared it and proved it. My book is just out on it. Think, we have a thousand here now. See? Notice. That's Scripturally, from Genesis to Revelations.

POWER.OF.TRANSFORMATION_ PRESCOTT.AZ V-17 N-1 SUNDAY_ 65-1031M

§ 147 Now notice, as soon as they went out from the Presence of the Lord, they started building cities, they started making instruments; they started in science, to making brass and iron, and--and playing music, and so forth. See? See? Now where did it come from? Who went out? Cain, the serpent's seed. You understand it? [Congregation says, "Amen."-Ed.] Cain went out. And, notice, he went out from the Presence of the Lord, and started working in science.

§ 156 But the seed of the righteous one, who it was... See, Eve didn't have a seed. You know that. The woman doesn't have a seed, the female. She has an egg, but not a seed. But she... appointed him, a seed, see, appointed by God's appointment, she took the seed. And the great Seed, course, from the woman, was that God gave. See, God appointed her a seed instead of the one that Cain slew; that, the enemy, death, serpent's seed slew God's seed, in perversion there, you see. God appointed, through the woman, a Seed, which is Christ, see, to bring back the original seed again. You see it? And so you see the perversion brought death through education and intelligence, and what we call today, science and religion, and so forth, it brought death. But she... appointed him, a seed, and then man began to call upon the Name of the Lord, and begin to come back to the Word again. See?

§ 253 And today they see what God vindicates. They see what God is doing. They see all these things happening. They know about it. God is showing His signs in the heaven above and on earth below, and all these things like that, and they see what is taking place. But they won't do it. See, Satan, serpent's seed; smart, come out of seminaries, educated to the spot, every word, every everything, stand in the pulpit just as correct, and every word has to be exactly, the grammar has to be right, and everything that. See? Sure, they can't humble themselves down, a guy like that. See, they just can't do it. They don't. They just can't do it.

We see by the light of the Word that the serpent seed is the adultery. From this adultery came out a child, Cain and his descendants, death, the enemy, perversion, perverted manner of being born, Satan. This seed acts at the end-time in a religious form.

Who is the Woman Seed?

We draw your attention to the fact that the promise of the woman seed was given after the fall. This seed main mission is to bring back humanity to the state before sin, it must also have clear title.

Let's first see with the light of the Message the criteria to be the woman Seed and then we'll go through all great men of the Bible and we will proceed by elimination to see who fulfill all the requirements to finally **draw the conclusions** needed.

The Woman Seed MUST :

1- être Immaculée Conception (c'est-à-dire né sans souillure, en dehors du sexe pour contrer l'adultère, la semence du serpent, la naissance souillée, sexuelle. L'ovule et le sperme sont créés par Dieu Lui-même).

1- Immaculate Conception (that is to say, born undefiled, without sex desire to counteract adultery, the serpent seed, the defiled, sexual birth. The egg and sperm are created by God Himself).

ONENESS_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-10 N-2 SUNDAY 62-0211

§ 95 See, she was already to be mother. And that never... only what it did, was clear up the thing of the serpent's seed. "The seed that's in you now is by conceived, your unlawful act against My Word, with this thing here, and you are now got the serpent's seed. **But I'll give you a seed by immaculate conception, and His Seed shall bruise the serpent's head, and his head shall bruise the heel.**" Amen. Just let God have it, if it's His Word He'll bring It to pass.

2- Be Messiah – King

THE.MESSIAH_ SHREVEPORT.LA TUESDAY_61-0117

§ 13 I want to take five-lettered word from there for a text: M-e-s-s-i-a-s, Messias. I want my subject tonight to be around the word, "**The Messiah.**" **The word itself means "the Anointed One," or it could be used "the Anointed King." And it also means "Christ." But we're going to use it first in this thought of "the Anointed King."**

14 It appears first in Genesis 3:15, if you want to put some Scriptures down, the promised seed of the woman, which was to be the anointed One. All through the Scriptures all the prophets speak of that coming One, the anointed King. I like that word "anointed," God anointing One. And He was to be a King Who was to lead Israel to freedom from all the nations, and make them rulers over the nations. The anointed King was to do that.

3- Be the Savior, The Righteous One, the Germ foretold by prophets

THE.MESSAGE.OF. GRACE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-13 N-3 SUNDAY_61-0827

§ 75 There in the garden that morning, when sin was so black, Jehovah come in. There stood His couple, standing condemned. There would be no more human race; they had to die; death on the human race, give the world back to wild beasts and there'd been no human race. But in that darkest of hour, in that time when all hopes was gone, grace come pouring through, said, "I'll give you a Saviour, a Messiah." Oh, it's a wonder how God could ever do it. **God's amazing grace in the garden of Eden, that give them the promise of a Just One Who could come through the woman. "The woman's Seed shall bruise the serpent's head," the guilty one, "and his head shall bruise her heel," to show there'd be an affliction to the church. But He promised a triumph. What provided a Saviour? Grace.**

ISRAEL.AND.THE.CHURCH.2_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN IC 35-64 THURSDAY_53-0326

139 But Paul said, "Look at that empty tomb out yonder; I'm in Him. Hallelujah. I'll rise again on that morning and receive a crown that the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me. Not only them, but every one of them (even them in the Branham Tabernacle) that love His appearing." Amen. Sure.

ABSOLUTE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-18 SUNDAY_62-1230M

§ 159 ow, if you got something pulling you off of It, you better leave it alone. The Son, It'll point to His Word, and only to His Word, because the Holy Spirit came to manifest, or vindicate, God's promises. There's no creed will do that. No organization will do it. **No powers or nothing can do it. Only the Holy Spirit, by the Word. And He is the Germ.**

HEBREWS.CHAPTER.FOUR_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN HEB SUNDAY_57-0901E

§ 56 **The good news to us now, that, "God has sent a Deliverer, the Holy Ghost, and we're on the road to the promised Land."** Now people has made it creeds and denominations, but God still remains, that, our Rest is "the Holy Ghost."

4 – Be the Creator of Heavens and Earth

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170 We heard the Word say that, "In the days of the seventh angel." In the Church Age, He just said, "The seventh angel's Message would be the last Message." And then, oh, we find out over here in Revelation 10, "In the days of the Message of the seventh angel, the mysteries of God should be finished," the Seventh Seal would be pulled back. It should be there. Then all at once, when it's happening, a vision broke, said, "Go to Tucson, a great noise will take place at this time so you'll be thoroughly understanding and know that it's sent. It'll just shake the earth, nearly." All of you know about it. It's on tape, months before it happened. Then it happened! Then appeared in the sky. "Shalom!" What is it? It's a-changing beats, the sympathy.

171 Then one time He said about the Third Pull; how it would come by this one way, then by knowing the heart, and then the spoken Word.

172 Jesus said, "Greater things than this will you do; for I go to My Father." John 14, "The works that I do, shall you do also; greater than this, for I go unto My Father." Just as I said a while ago, when Mary tried to identify Him as Joseph's son, He corrected her. His Words cannot fail! He said so, "Heavens and earth will fail, but My Words will not."

173 When we hear the sympathy beating, changing, fixing to change, it's a junction time. We notice as He begin to--to beat, and we seen, "The works that I do, shall you do also, and greater shall you do." "Greater," He promised it. We wondered how it could be.

174 But did you notice when He performed His first miracle, He took water and turned it into wine. Is that right? He took water, which potentially someday might have been wine, but it was water first.

175 And when He fed five thousand, what did He do? He took something that had been like water, He took a fish that once swam and was born from an egg, and He broke it, and another fish grewed onto the creation that was the original creation. He took bread that was once wheat, and was a seed and become bread, **and He broke from this bread and the creation only multiplied.**

176 **But in the woods, there was nothing there to make a squirrel. "Let there be," and there was, without anything to break it from.** What is it? The same Jesus Christ! See? "Greater things than this will you do, for I go to My Father." **Not take something that's been created, break something from it and multiply a creation, but**

absolutely create. Showing that He's the same Jehovah that stood back there and said, "Let there be," and there was. His Word was made manifest! When He was made flesh on earth, He took His original creation, broke it back and multiplied it. **But now in the last days, when He comes down among us again, the same Light that moved down, said "let there be light," see, He just speak the creation into existence.** "Greater than this will you do, for I go to My Father." Remember, we're at these times.

5 – Be the Redeemer of whole humanity

THE.FEAST.OF.THE.TRUMPETS_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-16 SUNDAY_64-0719M

§ 275 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 tradition, to the genuine Atonement, the Word, Christ impersonated in His Word here, made flesh among us. Science has proved it, by pictures. The church knows it, the world around.** We firmly know it, for He's never told us one thing in THUS SAITH THE LORD but what's been the Truth. Did He not say, down there on the river, "As John the Baptist was sent, so will this Message..."

GOD'S.CHOSEN.PLACE.OF.WORSHIP-JEFFERSONVILLE.IN-V-5-N-76SATURDAY_65-0220

§ 36 Now, when a shadow comes across the floor, you can tell whether it's man, woman, or beast, or whatever it might be, because it casts a shadow upon the floor. And as that shadow gets shorter, the shadow being the negative; and there cannot be a negative without a positive. Therefore, when the positive becomes closer to the negative, the negative is swallowed up in the positive. The shadow and the--and the positive comes together, and that's what makes it then the positive.

And if "all the old things," the Bible said, "in the Old Testament, was shadows of the things to come," then therefore Christ was the shadow of things to come.

THE.PATMOS.VISION_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC 69-130 SUNDAY_60-1204E

23 There's nothing can separate us. God cannot... don't go back on His Word. And if He's infinite, and gives you the Holy Spirit here, knowing that He is going to lose you down here, what kind of a business does He run? If you're not deceived in your experience, if you got the Holy Spirit. But watch what the Bible said, Ephesians 4:30, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you are sealed until..." **The next revival? Does that sound right? "You are sealed until the day of your redemption!" How long? Until your redemption.**

TOKEN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-19 SUNDAY_63-0901M

§ 400 We accept this sacred Blood sacrifice. We accept His sacrificed Blood, then give... He that gives us the Life, the Token, a seal of His promise. Ephesians 4:30, said, "Grieve not the blood"? No. "Grieve not the Holy Spirit, whereby ye are..." [Congregation says, "'Sealed.'"--Ed.] "Covenanted, put away." You are covenanted. You are. A Token, the Holy Spirit, will be the seal. When anything is sealed inside of a seal, you better not break it. Can't break it, you, not God's Seal. No. See? For you are... **"Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you are sealed until the day of your redemption, when the body is raised up."**

6 – Be the Lamb who opens the Seals of Redemption (because the Genuine Atonement to bruise the serpent head depended on the Seals)

THE.BREACH.BETWEEN.THE.SEVEN.CHURCH.AGES.AND.THE.SEVEN.SEALS_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY_63-0317E

52 Now remember, **no man in heaven, no man in earth: pope, bishop, cardinal, state presbyter, or whoever he is can break them Seals or reveal the Book but the Lamb.** And we have probed, and presumed, and stumbled, and wondered, and--and that's the reason we're all in such a confusion.

53 **Mais nous avons la promesse Divine que ce Livre de la Rédemption sera parfaitement ouvert par l'Agneau, et que les Sceaux en seront rompus par l'Agneau, dans les derniers jours, ceux où nous vivons maintenant.** Et ce n'est divulgué que lorsque l'Agneau prend le Livre et qu'Il en brise les Sceaux. En effet, souvenez-vous, le Livre était dans les mains de Celui qui était assis sur le Trône. "Et l'Agneau vient à Celui qui est assis sur le Trône, et Il prend le Livre de Sa main droite." Il prend le Livre! Oh, ça, c'est profond. On va essayer de résoudre ça si on le peut, avec l'aide du Saint-Esprit. Alors, nous comptons sur Lui. Et nous verrons plus tard, que ça, c'est au temps de la fin, "quand il n'y a plus de temps".

But with the Divine promise that this Book of Redemption will be perfectly opened by the Lamb, and the Seals thereof will be loosed by the Lamb in the last day in which we're living now. And is not made known until the Lamb takes the Book and breaks the Seals, because remember, the Book was being holded in the hands of Him that set upon the throne. And the Lamb comes to Him that sets upon the throne and takes the Book out of His right hand: takes the Book. Oh, that's deep. We'll try to solve it out if we can by the help of the Holy Spirit. Now, we're depending on Him. And we will see later it is at the end time when time has run out.

No denomination has a right for the interpretation of the Book. No man has a right to interpret It. **It is the Lamb Who interprets It, and the Lamb is the One Who speaks It, and the Lamb makes the Word to be known by vindicating and bringing the Word to Life.** See? Exactly.

7- Be the Lamb – Lion (Priest – Judge)

THE.FIRST.SEAL_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN MONDAY_63-0318

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LA BRÈCHE ENTRE LES SEPT ÂGES DE L'ÉGLISE ET LES SEPT SCEAUX - E17.03.1963 JEFFERSONVILLE, IN, USA

§ 192 **Et, quand il a regardé pour voir où se trouvait ce Lion, il a vu un Agneau. C'est étrange : il cherchait un Lion, et il a vu un Agneau. L'ancien L'a appelé un Lion. Mais, quand Jean a regardé, il a vu un Agneau, "un Agneau, comme immolé, dès la fondation du monde".** Un Agneau, qui avait été immolé. Qu'est-ce que c'était ? Cet Agneau, c'était quoi ? Il était sanglant, blessé. "Un Agneau qui avait été immolé, mais qui était revenu à la vie." Et Il était sanglant. Oh ! la la! Mes amis, comment pouvez-vous regarder Cela, et rester pécheurs ?

THE.BREACH.BETWEEN.THE.SEVEN.CHURCH.AGES.AND.THE.SEVEN.SEALS_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY_63-0317E

§ 269 **He leaves the throne of--to be an Intercessor as a slain Lamb to be a Lion, King, to bring the world to judgment who has rejected His message. He's not a Mediator.**

GABRIEL'S INSTRUCTIONS TO DANIEL_ JEFFERSONVILLE. IN-DA-1-44 SUNDAY_ 61-0730M

49 **Our Kinsman Redeemer, the elders was right when they called Him a Lamb, about to become a Lion, his judge.** He was a Lamb, you know, with the seven sealed Book. When the Book was taken, the mediatorial work was finished.

Given the magnificence of these criteria due to the woman Seed, we can naturally wonder whether a man can accomplish by himself all these criteria.

Going through all the men who lived in the Old and the New Testament, the first criterion (Immaculate Conception) disqualifies all except Jesus of Galilee.

We are now going to confront the life of Jesus with the rest of the criteria of the woman Seed

1- Jesus was born by sex but not sexually, Immaculate Conception. He fulfilled the first criterion.

ONENESS_ JEFFERSONVILLE. IN V-10 N-2 SUNDAY_ 62-0211

§ 84 **And that's the same way it is with Jesus. Mary was just the incubator.** God used her like He does any other woman. She was a virgin, she had had no children. He come into a virgin womb, **but God the Creator made both egg and germ, created it. Therefore, it was immaculate conception.**

2- Jesus has manifested the sign of Messiah, He was the Messiah. Second criterion fulfilled.

John 1 : 43 – 50

The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me.

Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!

Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.

Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.

Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these.

3- Jesus was the Savior of Israel, he partially fulfilled the prophecy of the Righteous one. Third criterion fulfilled .

THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_ 62-1014M

25 Our gracious Heavenly Father, we have assembled this morning again in the Name of the Lord Jesus, Thy precious Son. God, incarnate, came to the earth, **for the propitiation of our sins, and died, the Righteous;** that we, by His righteous, being unrighteous may be made perfect in Him. We come confessing that we are unworthy, Lord. There is nothing good about us. And we're all in one big jail house. No matter what corner we stand in, we're still all in jail. One could not help the other. But, God, in His infinite mercy, came down and opened the prison doors, to set us free. We're no longer caged up now. We're not in the zoo of the world, but now we are free. We're outside.

4- Jesus did not create when he was on earth he has multiplied. First criterion not fulfilled.

PRESENT.STAGE.OF.MY.MINISTRY_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-11 N-2 SATURDAY_ 62-0908

§ 44 **When Jesus, the young Prophet of Galilee,** He got a time and He was forsaken. All man who stay with God's Word gets to that place where they are forsaken by the world and the religious world. Jesus fed five thousand, one day, and they picked up baskets full of--of fragments off of five loaves and two fishes. And the very next day, I believe it was, He begin to come down with the Word, and all of them begin to depart from Him. And He looked around to the disciples, and said, "Will you go, also?" Even seventy of His Own ordained ministers left Him. And He said, "Will you go, also?"

SHALOM - 12.01.1964 SIERRA VISTA, AZ, USA

175 And when He fed five thousand, what did He do? He took something that had been like water, He took a fish that once swam and was born from an egg, and He broke it, and another fish grew onto the creation that was the original creation. He took bread that was once wheat, and was a seed and become bread, and **He broke from this bread and the creation only multiplied.**

5- Jesus did not complete the Redemption for the Redemption comes along with the opening of Seals. Second criterion not fulfilled.

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Ephesians 4: 30 " And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. "

Please note that this epistle is written after the departure of Jesus.

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§ 69 Then they are sealed unto their eternal destination. There's not nothing can ever break that Seal. The Bible (you're putting your Scripture down), Ephesians 4:30 said...
... grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed until the day of your redemption. Hold that Word "redemption" (See?), **until the day that the Book of Redemption has been revealed, and the Redeemer comes to claim His possession nothing can do it.** See? Don't grieve It. Say; do things that pleases God, for the Book is sealed now and you are sealed. The Holy Spirit Itself is the Seal.

6 - Jesus was certainly a Lamb but He did not break the seals of redemption. He tried to preach the first six Seals in symbols in Matthew 24 but he knew nothing about the Seventh, the Great Seal. Third criterion not fulfilled

THE.FEAST.OF.THE.TRUMPETS_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-16 SUNDAY_ 64-0719M

264 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 in Revelations 10, was the Seventh Seal**, to the Seven Trumpets, between those two times...

THE.SEVENTH. SEAL_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY_ 63-0324E

§ 177 **He's never said nothing in here about the Seventh Seal nowhere.** See, right away, the 32nd verse turns to a parables of the time of the calling of the elected Jew.

THE.BREACH.BETWEEN.THE.SEVEN.CHURCH.AGES.AND.THE.SEVEN.SEALS_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY_ 63-0317E

70 Seal signifies... (Now, this is words I got from the dictionary.) Seal signifies a finished work. And when the Seventh Seal is broken, the mystery of God that's sealed in these mysterious seals is finished; until the day that Seal is broken, then it's revealed what's on the inside of it.

7- Jesus was not both Lion and Lamb at His First Coming. In Revelation, there is no mention of Jesus. Fourth criterion not fulfilled.

THE.FUTURE.HOME.OF.THE.HEAVENLY.BRIDEGROOM.AND.THE.EARTHLY.BRIDE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-5 SUNDAY_ 64-0802

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THE.FIRST.SEAL_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN MONDAY_ 63-0318

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THE.BREACH.BETWEEN.THE.SEVEN.CHURCH.AGES.AND.THE.SEVEN.SEALS_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY_ 63-0317E

§ 192 **And when he looked around to see where that Lion was, he saw a Lamb: strange, look for a Lion and see a Lamb. The elder called Him a Lion, but when John looked, he saw a Lamb--a Lamb as It had been slain from the foundation of the world:** a Lamb, having been slain... What was it? What was that Lamb? It was bloody, wounded, a Lamb that had been slain, but was alive again; and He was bloody. Oh, my. How can you look at that, folks, and remain a sinner?

We have just seen through the light of the Message that Jesus has fulfilled three of the seven criteria due we have listed concerning the woman Seed. He will not bruise the serpent's head, that's why He has not redeemed us at the Cross.

SOULS.THAT.ARE.IN.PRISON.NOW_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-22 SUNDAY_ 63-1110M

139 But, you see, in this Book was what was redeemed. It was the Book of Redemption. And everything that He had redeemed was written in that Book. All that He died for was written in the Book, and He could not leave His mediatorial Seat until He had thoroughly

redeemed. And **He couldn't redeem it at the cross, because they were predestinated in the Lamb's Book of Life, and He had to stay on There to make intercessions until that last person was finished.** Glory!

After the scriptural disqualification of Jesus, the ONLY person who could fulfill this task of the woman Seed remains William Marrion Branham. Like Jesus and other prophets, let's now confront the mysterious and strange life of William Marrion Branham with the criteria of the woman Seed to see if he is the Worthy one.

1- William Marrion BRANHAM is born Immaculate Conception. First criterion fulfilled.

Hebrews 10 : 5 -7

Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:

In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure.

Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

RETURN.AND.JUBILEE_ SHREVEPORT.LA THURSDAY_ 62-1122

§ § 38 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelled among us. My sheep hear that. They know it. A stranger they will not follow." They don't hear these creeds; they don't hear these dogmas and these things that's been injected to make an organization instead of a body. "A body has Thou prepared Me," said God. Acts... or, Hebrews. "A body has Thou prepared Me. A sacrifice and offerings Thou wouldest not, but a body has Thou prepared Me," **a body of believers, a body that's been born. Before it can be a body of human beings...**

PRESENT.STAGE.OF.MY.MINISTRY_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-11 N-2 SATURDAY_ 62-0908

§ 126 We've come down to the 6th verse now, to the 18th. I don't know what it'll read for me, but I'm only quoted you what it's read for others. And I'm going to continue to stay true to the Word until He's finished. **That's where the ministry is today. I'm not washed up. I hope I'm just washed in. That's it. That's right.** Let us bow our heads now while we pray....?...

COMMUNION_ TUCSON.AZ V-8 N-4 SUNDAY_ 65-1212

§52 But yet all at once I looked up, and I said, "**I'm not the son of Charles and Ella Branham. There's Something calling.**" Like my little eagle, "I'm not a chicken. There's Something up yonder, somewhere. O Great Jehovah, Whoever You are, open up! I want to come home. There's Something in me, calling."

2 – William Marrion BRANHAM has manifested the Sign of the Messiah. He is the Messiah. Second criterion fulfilled.

TRYING.TO.DO.GOD.A.SERVICE.WITHOUT.IT.BEING.GOD'S.WILL_ SHREVEPORT .LA V-7 N-2 SATURDAY_ 65-1127B

§ 212 Now, He promised that, so that sets the Bible just exactly to this day, and the Sodom and Gomorrah. And Elijah was not... That wasn't Elijah; That was the Spirit of God on Elijah; Elijah was just a man. Now, we've had Elijahs, and Elijahs' coats, and Elijahs' mantles, and Elijahs' everything. **But the Elijah of this day is the Lord Jesus Christ. He is to come according to Matthew the seventeen-... Luke 17:30, says the Son of man is to reveal Himself among His people. Not a man, God! But it'll come**

through a prophet. Now, He never had two major prophets at the same time, never, in the world. See? No matter how much there's... two--two heads can't... It has to be one head. God has to get one man under His control. See? There's one God; there was Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, but one God over it all, notice, and just used them offices. So has He with Elijah, the Spirit of Elijah; He used that Spirit, but the same God controlling It all the time to fulfill His Word.

CHRIST.IS.REVEALED.IN.HIS.OWN.WORD_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-4 N-10 SUNDAY_65-0822M

155 Now let's take John or... Saint Luke 17:30, and watch what Jesus prophesied there, saying that, "As it was in the days of Sodom, it'll be the same..."

Now remember, notice, this is at the time that the Son of man would be revealed; the revealing of the Son of man. Now, the Son of man was actually revealed potentially, just for a few moments there, just before Sodom was burned. Now, that Man was Elohim. That was God; and Jesus is God. And God was revealed potentially right there for a few moments, to talk to Abraham, in the investigation judgment. Just for a little bit, **the Son of man was revealed; the Son of man, Elohim.** Do you see it, church? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] The Son of man, Elohim, was revealed just for a few minutes. For, the very next morning she was burned, (when?) before the sun could come up again.

So there can't be no organization left, neither can there be any further advancement than what's going right now, for she'll burn before the day breaks again. The revival is over, across the nation. There ain't going to be no more revivals, big sweeping revivals; this nation never receive it. You might have a intellectual gathering. But, I mean, a Spiritual revival, we've seen all of it. I hope you're catching it. I'm saying it in such a way that--that I hope you get it. See? It's over.

A fine minister said, a while ago, said, "Brother Branham, if I could just have the joy of the Lord in my heart!"

I said, "Son, the revival is over." See?

EL-SHADDAÏ - 16.04.1959 LOS ANGELES, CA, USA

§ 76 Can you believe? Look. Way back there, a man. There's that Light. I'm looking right straight at It. The man has something wrong with his hands, and something wrong with his knees. He's got epilepsy also. Just come from a hospital. If you believe, back there behind that man, you can be healed if you'll just accept the Lord Jesus. All right.

You believe the Lord Jesus Christ is here? You believe He could reveal things, like He did the Angel of the Lord when He was in that man of flesh. **If I'd turn my back and you'd pray, you believe that He could do the same thing? You believe It? You would accept It's the same Christ then, the same Holy Spirit that was in that human flesh that talked to Abraham?** You believe that? Some of you women, then, pray.

3 - William Marrion BRANHAM is the Savior, the Righteous, the Worthy one foretold by the prophets. Third criterion fulfilled.

THE.BREACH.BETWEEN.THE.SEVEN.CHURCH.AGES.AND.THE.SEVEN.SEALS_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY_63-0317E

165 The Bible said that John wept, not as some people has taught it. I was hearing a man teach this one time; said, "John wept because that he found himself not worthy." Oh, any man under the Holy Spirit would know different from that (See?), under the inspiration of God would know different from that.

166 But John wept. Here's what I think he wept for: because if no one was worthy and could open this Book of Redemption, the whole creation was lost.

167 Here is the Book; here is the title deed; **and It will be offered to the Kinsman Redeemer that can meet the qualifications.** That's God's own law, and He can't defile His law--can't defy His Law, rather. See, **God required a kinsman redeemer who was worthy, who was able to do it, who had the substance to do it.**

301 But the first thing that represented that redemption, come the Lamb that had been slain from the foundation of the world. And He took the Book (Glory.) opened the Book, and tore off the Seals, and sent it down to the earth to His seventh angel to reveal it to His people. There you are. Oh, my, what happened? The screams, the shouts, the hallelujahs, the anointed, the power, the glory, the manifestation...

4- William Marrion BRANHAM is the God Creator of Heavens and Earth. Fourth criterion fulfilled.

TRYING.TO.DO.GOD.A.SERVICE.WITHOUT.IT.BEING.GOD'S.WILL_ SHREVEPORT.LA V-7 N-2 SATURDAY_ 65-1127B

§ 51 I thought, "Now, that's a strange thing. Now, it's got to be in this vicinity somewhere, Somebody that could create and make a sword and put it in my hand." And I said, "**It could only be the very God that created a ram for Abraham, could create those squirrels,**" that you've heard. And I said, "Here is the material, three different kinds of material in it, and I'm holding it in my hand just as real as anything else I could hold in my hand."

GOING.BEYOND.THE.CAMP_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-6 N-3 SUNDAY_ 64-0719E

§ 122 Jesus of the New Testament was Jehovah of the Old. Exactly right! I believe, as I was telling you here now, sometime ago, or somewhere in a meeting. It might not have been here. "Jehovah of the Old Testament is Jesus of the New." You remember the--the--the...

When I was going squirrel hunting that morning, and there it was, them three big stems run into one out there, right on the mountain; me standing there looking at it. And I drew up close and took off my hat, laid down my rifle, got up there. And a Voice shook the woods, said, "**Jesus of the New Testament is Jehovah of the Old. Remain faithful. So right below there is where the squirrels appeared, then, come into existence when there was none there. See? That's Truth. See? It's true. So, God knows, before Who I stand, it's the Truth of it.**" That's right. It's the Truth.

THE.MASTERPIECE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-4 N-7 SUNDAY_ 64-0705

§ 173 **The first ministry and the last ministry is the same. The first Message and the (second) last Message is the same thing. "I'm, I was in Alpha; I'm in Omega."** "There'll be a day that won't be called day nor night, but in the evening time it shall be Light." See, Alpha and Omega, it's become the first and the last. Oh, my, brethren, we could stay hours on that.

5 - William Marrion BRANHAM is the Redeemer of the whole humanity. Fifth criterion fulfilled.

THE.BREACH.BETWEEN.THE.SEVEN.CHURCH.AGES.AND.THE.SEVEN.SEALS_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY_ 63-0317E

§ 39 Now, it's wrote mysterious, because no man nowhere knows it: God alone, Jesus Christ. See?

Now, but it--it is a Book, a mysterious Book. It's a Book of Redemption. (We'll get into that in a little while.) And now, we know that this Book of Redemption will not be thoroughly understood: it's probed at through six church ages, **but at the end, when the seventh angel begins to sound his mystery, he winds up all of the loose ends that these fellows probed at, and the mysteries comes down from God as the Word of God and reveals the entire revelation of God. Then the Godhead and everything else is settled. All the mysteries: serpent's seed and whatevermore is to be revealed.**

WHO.IS.THIS.MELCHISEDEC_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-5 N-10 SUNDAY_ 65-0221E

§ 116 God vindicates that. That's always been right. God vindicates it to be true. Show plainly, the predestinated is the only one that's considered in redemption. Did you get it? Let me say that again. The predestinated is the only one that's considered in redemption.

People might be making like, think they are, but the real redemption is those that are predestinated. **Because, the very word redeem means "to bring back." Is that right? The redeem is something... To redeem anything, is, "bring it back to its original place."** Hallelujah! So it's only the predestinated will be brought back, because the others didn't come from There. See, "bring back!"

THE.THIRD.SEAL_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN WEDNESDAY_ 63-0320

§ 31 Now, He rises from the seat. First the announcement went forth for... "Who is able to come and--and take this Book of Redemption?" See? **For the whole plan of redemption from Adam, all that Adam lost... There was nothing lost until Adam, and after Adam all was lost in the earth. And...** Everything on the creation of the earth was lost, and everything fell with Adam, crossed the chasm that no one could get back, no way at all. Man, when he sinned, he left his way; he left no way back for himself.

§ 41 Now, He's going to show the church what He done. See? Then He just takes... But the Book is closed. **No one knowed at all. They know it was a Book of Redemption on it there, but it's to be revealed in the last days according to Revelations 10. The seventh angel is going to be given the message of that, because it said that in the time of the sounding of the seventh church age--the seventh angel, when he sounds, all the mysteries of God should be finished up by his sounding.** Then after it's revealed, the Angel come down from heaven, which was Christ (Now remember, this angel and is on earth, a messenger). Down comes Christ (You see Him in the 10th chapter of Revelations.), puts one foot upon the land and the other one on the sea, rainbow over His head, eyes and, like--and feet like fire and so forth, raises up His hand and swears by Him that lives forever and ever on the throne, that time shall be no more.

6 – William Marrion BRANHAM is the Lamb, who bruises the Seals of Redemption. Sixth criterion fulfilled.

THE.BREACH.BETWEEN.THE.SEVEN.CHURCH.AGES.AND.THE.SEVEN.SEALS_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY_ 63-0317E

§ 54 No denomination has a right for the interpretation of the Book. No man has a right to interpret It. It is the Lamb Who interprets **It, and the Lamb is the One Who speaks It, and the Lamb makes the Word to be known by vindicating and bringing the Word to Life.** See? Exactly.

§ 61 But then in the last age, all these mysteries are to be solved and handed out, **and the Seals are to be opened by the Lamb and revealed to the Church, and then time is no more.** See? How wonderful. Then the Book then is the Book of Redemption for... Then it goes ahead, and we bring in later on how the hundred and forty-four thousand is brought in and so forth. All right. That's Jews.

7- William Marrion BRANHAM is the Lamb-Lion (Priest – Judge). Seventh criterion fulfilled.

THE.FUTURE.HOME.OF.THE.HEAVENLY.BRIDE.GROOM.AND.THE.EARTHLY.BRIDE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-5 SUNDAY_ 64-0802

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33 And then the... When this question was asked, John the revelator, the--the prophet John was in the vision and saw it, and there was no man in heaven, no man on earth, no man beneath the earth, or nobody was even worthy to look at the Book. See? Now, just think of that. Then the Lamb comes forward, and He takes the Book. Now, John was asked

not to weep any more. He said, "**Behold the Lion of Juda has prevailed, and--and He can take the Book and open It.**" So he turned to look for a Lion, and he saw a Lamb. The elder called, said, "A Lion has prevailed," but when he come and looked, it was a Lamb coming out from the throne.

THE.BREACH.BETWEEN.THE.SEVEN.CHURCH.AGES.AND.THE.SEVEN.SEALS_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY_ 63-0317E

§ 181 But when John turned to look, he saw a Lamb. What a difference from a Lion. He said, "The Lion has prevailed." **See, again I can use that there "God Hiding in Simplicity." He said, "He's a lion."** That's the king of the beasts. The Lion has prevailed. The strongest thing there is is a lion.

REVELATION.CHAPTER.FIVE.2_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN-ROJC-747-793-SUNDAY_ 61-0618

129 The 6th verse... Or part of the 5th, the elder in the 5th verse was right when he said, "Behold, a Lamb!" But, when he looked around, he saw a Lion. It was a Lion instead of a Lamb. But then what was it? His mediatorial work was done, mediatorial. He was... quit being the Mediator at the end of the Church age, to become the Lion of the tribe of Juda, His mediatorial work was done. And He was to become a Lion which was the Judge, now, and He took... when He took the Book out of the hand.

Now, remember, when a man went to redeem (Don't forget it, now.), when a man went to redeem, he took men with him and went to the city gates, being the elders, and there he--he--he announced his purpose of being there. That's what he did, he went to the gate, said, "I am here for to claim myself as a kinsman redeemer and to this inheritance, and I'm here making myself known before these elders of the city." See?

We discovered through the light of the Word that William Marrion Branham is the only one that meets the criteria of the woman Seed. He is the one who fulfills the real Atonement at the opening of the Seals by bruising the serpent's head.

THE.SPOKEN.WORD.IS.THE.ORIGINAL.SEED.1_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IND-V-3-N-1 SUNDAY_ 62-0318

§ 157 -159 Why didn't they see this then? Same thing today. "I'm that Seed that was to come, the woman's Seed."

"I'll give you a Seed." To the serpent, the serpent had already defiled her. He said, "But thy Seed, that I'll give you, shall bruise his head." He'll take that thing back again. Amen. I wish... I just wish everybody could see that. See? "I've come to conquer, and correct what Eve done. Only way I can do it is through a woman that believed the Seed; where, a woman didn't believe the Seed." A woman believed the Word; where, one didn't believe It.

"I'm that Overcomer. I'm the One that's come to give Life, that through My death, to pay the penalty of what she done. Through My Life, will be given to you, to flow over you. And you'll be sons of God, and daughters of God, see, as long as the Seed is in there."

THE.FIFTH.SEAL_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN FRIDAY_ 63-0322

49 We mustn't condemn individuals, but as a minister, **I have to strike that serpent out there that's biting into those people. You see?** And I don't... There's... I don't even... **Just me in myself, I wouldn't do that if it wasn't a commission from God that I'm duty bound to do it (See?),** and I must hold that true and faithful.

Question: When is the war between the two seeds will take place?

This war will take place at the end time as Armageddon, Scriptural war, between the truth and the false.

THE.FOURTH.SEAL_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN THURSDAY_ 63-0321

279 The first thing in heaven was a battle. **Lucifer was kicked out and come to the earth; then he polluted Eden. Then he's been polluting ever since.**

And now, from the battle in heaven, it's coming to the battle on earth, and it is to be finished at--on earth at the end time in a battle called Armageddon. Now, anyone knows that. The battle started in heaven. Holy... And so, they kicked them out. Michael and His angels overthrewed them--just run out. And when they did, dropped right down in Eden, and here started the battle down here.

310 Now, here they are joining themselves together, coming to that showdown to Armageddon and riding on a mixed colored horse, with one horse of white, one horse of red, one horse of black, the three different political--a--political power, spiritual power controlled by demon power which is the antichrist, mixing that all together, you got a pale, sickly looking thing he's riding on. That's right. Now, notice. Look what he's riding on. This pale looking, grisled colored horse, mixed with black, red, and white, coming into the battle, gathering his subjects from every nation under heaven.

Did not Daniel interpret the dream and seen that streak of iron running to every kingdom, of Rome? Here they come, gathering. Now, set still for the close just a minute and listen close.

§ 334 Here comes Satan with all four corners of the earth with his Protestants and with his--his Catholics, and all together, marching right up to the battle of Armageddon. All right.

Question : But why the term "bruised serpent" is related to the scriptural Adoration of William Marrion Branham?

Let's come back to Psalms 22.

Psaume 22 : 22-24

I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

Ye that fear the LORD, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.

For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.

*This is about an affliction (bruise the heel) that happens to the afflicted. The afflicted here is the Church, the Holiest of Holies, William Marrion Branham (as we have shown in the criteria for the woman). It is true that Jesus also had his affliction at Gethsemane in Matthew 26: 30-46 (see above), but when He cried out to God, God Himself has hidden His face. He died, afflicted with an unanswered prayers (**My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?**).*

THE.SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC 185-227 TUESDAY_ 60-1206

143 —"I'll give you an everlasting sign." Jehovah, standing in the courtyards with spit on His face. Jehovah, stretched up naked, in a body, between heavens and earth. He despised the shame of the cross. We have His statue there with a little rag around Him; course that's just the sculptor did that. They stripped Him naked, embarrassed Him! Oh, that bunch of hypocrites when that hour come! This is the day of man, the day of the Lord's coming. Jehovah! **Jehovah, dying, yes, and nothing happened. Jehovah, praying, nothing happened. Hmm. That's right.** It ought to be striking! That's an everlasting sign. That's the sign that all men would know. Then He died, Jehovah died. Then the earth begin to shake. Oh, my!

However, the Afflicted of Psalm 22: 22-24, had an answer when he cried out to God. Listen to William Marrion Branham Himself telling His affliction.

REVELATION.CHAPTER.FIVE.1_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC 717-746 SUNDAY 61-0611

24 – 44 And if anything I always wanted to be, and desires of my heart to be, was a true servant to Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour. I want my testimony to be clean, clear-cut, that I stood, in all my mistakes I yet loved Him with all my heart. And I do that this morning with all my heart.

And, because of that, it forces me to say I am leaving the ministry, is because that there is something arose up amongst the people that's caused me to do it, that is, that I have been taken from my bracket of a "minister" or "brother" and being called Jesus Christ, and so call... and that would brand me as an antichrist. And I'll meet God as a quitter before I would meet Him as an antichrist to take away from Him.

I heard of it a--a few years ago and I thought it was a joke. And I met a couple brethren (which I don't see neither one of them in the meeting this morning), two or three of them one time in a fishing trip, and they approached me by the subject of saying, "**Brother Branham, aren't you the anointed Messiah, the Christ?**"

And I put my arms around the neck of both brethren, or, all of them, and I said, "Brethren, as much as I have tried to be a true servant of Christ, I would not that you would say such a thing as that. And if it would ever be said of me, then I will leave the field with a clear conscience, and you who do that will be responsible for every soul that I would have saved during that time; see, for taking me from the field." And I thought that ended it.

And I heard it a few more times. But it wasn't so. **And the other day in Canada a brother showed me a little ticket of a thing he's packed in his pocket, said "William Branham is our Lord," baptizing in the name of William Branham. And a little... a precious... If it had been an enemy, if it had been my enemy I would have knowed it was a joke. But a precious, darling brother come up to confess his sins and his wrongs and say his faith in me as being Jesus Christ.**

And I have got letters at home, and calls from Chicago and different places, asking me if I believe that dogma.

And I got all kinds of letters that's come in the last few days, and calls from different places, so, saying that I was Christ. Brethren, that is a horrible, disgraceful, ungodly lie of the Devil! See? See, I am your brother. Now, that would run any person from the field. That would make anyone that loves Christ run from the very thing.

I went to the Lord here not long ago, when I first heard it, about a year ago. And then I went to the Lord and He referred to me to the Scripture that when John came forth preaching, that they hadn't had a prophet on the earth for so many years, until it would... they was all amazed in their hearts, thinking maybe John was the Messiah. So then I... John, they went and asked him, and he said that he was not. You read that in Luke the 3rd chapter, 15th verse. And so then... But that kind of quietened down, so I let it go like that.

But then when it come to this, then I knowed that something must be done. And I say this, "That the visions and the Angel of the Lord that appeared at the river," (if this is to be my last message or last thing to the church, to the world) "those things are Truth, as far as the Angel of the Lord."

And I stood still if people called me a prophet many times, 'cause a prophet in the English

testament is just "a preacher, a prophesier, foreteller of the Word," and so forth. I'd stand for that 'cause you could just kind of push that down; but when it comes to be calling "Anointed Christ," or something, that was too much for me. So I just couldn't stand that.

And so then about... I come... After leaving the meeting at Canada, **I found out that way up in the Eskimos or the Indians up there, it had got among them.**

And so it just tore me all up. And the hunting trip that I had planned so long, I could not take it. I was afraid of a hunting accident, if you understand what I mean. **I got so shaky, worse than I am standing here now.** And I just couldn't stand it any longer, to think that thirty-one years of ministry went down the Devil's gutter pipe, into the... When I'm gone, what will they say? "There he is, that's exactly what it was"; and all the influence that I had upon the people, then you see where it'd be, I'd be an antichrist. And I just couldn't stand it!

I thought, "I'd rather die here in the woods, like I fell on my gun or something, than... " And I seen I was... Then I thought about my little Joseph, and so forth, that had to be raised. And I was no condition to hunt, so I just left the woods and come home.

And I've been tore up about eight or ten days, in such a fix that I--I thought I was losing my mind. And I just asked everybody to stay away from me and let me alone 'cause I'm in such a fix and nervous and upset and all tore to pieces.

And I wondered; if it would have been some enemy of mine, it would been all right, but I would just have laughed at it and went on; but when it come to being precious brothers, precious sisters, then that's what hurt me. And I said, "Lord, the great... thing's too great for me, I'll just have to walk out and leave it in Your hands. I--I don't know nothing else to do."

A few nights ago, to make it sure, I had a--a visitation from the Lord. And I seen a precious one's... a babying... **a--a serpent which was yellow and black, and telling me right along, and the--and the thing struck me on the leg. But the blood was so rich it didn't take effect on me.** And I looked down, and there's where I had been bit before. **And I turned quickly with a gun and shot the--the thing, and it hit it right in the middle of the thing.**

And a brother said... I turned with my gun to shoot its head off, and he said, "Don't do that, just pick up the stick laying there by you." And when I turned my back to pick up the stick, it wiggled into some water, just a small puddle of water.

I said, "Well, it can't hurt very much longer now because I believe the brother realizes (the brethren) that what would happen." I said, "It'll... It's mortally wounded, so it'll die."

And I ask many of my members of my church here, in this tabernacle with Brother Neville and I, that's come approaching me with that same question: Brothers, sisters, haven't I tried to be a true servant of Christ before you? Have not I tried to be your brother?

Now, wherever it is, it's a spirit on precious people. Many people has asked me that. **But it's--it's a spirit, but I hope that today that it receives a deadly wound and will die out quickly so I can return back to the ministry. Until then, I'll ask you each one, pray for me. I don't know what I'll do.** My place up for sale. I just can't stand it, I--I--I stay around, I'll go completely stark mad. And I'm... I ask you to pray for me.

And, remember, if you've ever believed me, if you've ever believed me to be a servant of Christ, remember, "That is an error! It's falsely!" **THUS SAITH THE LORD!** "It is wrong!"

Have nothing to do with it!" I am your brother. Let us bow our heads:

Note that in the vision, Brother Branham does not attack the brothers and sisters victims of the thing, he attacks the serpent, the Antichrist, Satan, the death, the perversion that pushed the brothers to do thing before the time.

If we stop only in the part of the vision as described in this brochure, we could believe that the serpent is still alive because it has slipped into a pond. However the fatal wound it had is going to make it go away, it is going to die.

But let's read another version of the same vision that Brother Branham tells five (5) months later.

PARADOX - 10.12.1961 JEFFERSONVILLE, IN, USA

59 – 72 Then as I set there a little bit beside of this chair, then all of a sudden, here it come back again. Then I knew then that it was vision. And then when I come into the vision again, it seemed that I was lifted up and setting on a--a highway, a narrow highway with some brother. I never knew who the brother was. I looked around, and I said, "Now, I am sure and know this is vision; the Lord God is here." And seemed like everybody was afraid. I said, "What's everybody so afraid of?"

And a voice came and said, "There's such danger in these days. There's a great hideous thing that's death when it strikes you."

And I heard the weeds a-mashing down, and I looked, and here come a huge monster snake crawling through the weeds. I thought, "Now, knowing this is vision, then I shall see what this--this animal or this beast is." And he crawled up on the highway. And as soon as I got sight of him, I knew it was a mamba. Now, a mamba is an African snake, which is the most deadly bite of all things there is. There's nothing as poison as a mamba. **And the snake, of course, represents sin, death.** See? And there is the... We have in this country, the rattlesnake, and the copperhead, and the cottonmouth moccasin, many of those snakes, that if you're in bad health and one'd bite you, it would perhaps kill you, but if you didn't get aid of some sort right away...

And then--then we go into Africa and India, and we find the Cobra. There's a Black Cobra; he's a bad snake; he's a death-bite too. And there's a Yellow Cobra, which is far beyond him. And the Yellow Cobra, the patient dies with such a horrible death; it dies from suffocation. It--it paralyzes the breathing system. And they--they can't breathe; they just open their mouth and gasp, and trying to, and die like that. And that was the type of snake was just one lick from getting Billy Paul, when we got the snake in Africa.

And then--then comes the mamba, he's death. Just when he... He's so fast you can't see him. He goes over the top of the weeds and propels himself with the back of his tail. Just, and he's gone. Hits you in the face usually. Stands up high and strikes hard. And when he hits you, you just got a few breaths till you're finished. Turn real... It don't only paralyze and get in the blood stream; it gets nerves, everything, you just die just in a few seconds. Them native boys and track boys, you can say "mamba," and they'll butt their heads together, scream, 'cause it's--it's death just in a few seconds (See?) when one hits you.

And here he was on the highway. I thought, "Well, this is it." So I looked at him. And he looked angry at me, and he licked his tongue, and here he come. But when he got right close to me... he would run up fast, and then he would get slower and slower, and just quiver and stop, and then something would hold him off. He couldn't bite me. And he'd turn around on the other side, and try to approach from this side. And he'd get back and get a start, and swish right towards me, get slower and slower and slower, and then to a stop, and then just shake like that and move back. He couldn't strike me.

Then he turned and looked at my friend, and away he went after my friend. And I seen my friend just jumping way in the air, and over him and over him and over him, trying, and the thing was striking at him. I thought, "Oh, if it ever hits him, it'll be instant death. No wonder everybody's so scared, 'cause when this thing hits you it's an instant death." And--and it was just striking at him like that, and I threw my hands up; I said, "O God, have mercy on my brother." I said, **"If that serpent ever strikes him, it'll kill him."**

And just then the serpent turned to me when I said that, and looked at me again. And a Voice came from above me and said, "You have been given power to bind him, the worst, or any."

And I said, "Well, God, what must I do?"

He said, "There's one thing you must do: you must be more sincere. (See?) You must be more sincere."

I said, "Well, God, forgive me for my unsincerity, and let me have sincerity." And when I raised up my hands to Him again, there was a great Something came over me, just lifted me up, seemed like that my whole body was charged with Something.

And I looked at the serpent. And then he started towards me, and he couldn't do it yet. And I said, "Satan, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bind you." **And the serpent, a blue smoke flew out of him, and he curled up and made that sign like a S, capital S made backwards, a "AND" [&] sign. And means "bind this one or anything below him," 'cause he was the worst. Blue smoke fell out of him, and his tail choked his ownself to death around his head, when he made this backwards S, that "AND" [&] sign (like a conjunction... You see?), choked it to death. And the brother was free.**

And I went over and mashed on it. I said, "Now, I've got to find out about this, because it's vision." And I hit on the--on the thing, and it turned like that, looked like a handle, on a glass handle on a pitcher, and just made it solid crystal. And I said, "Think of that, how quick. That blue smoke was life and everything that left it, all the elements, and is turned to glass."

And just then a Voice came again, and said, "You can unbind him also."

So I said, "Then, Satan, that I might know, I unbind you." And when it did, he started coming to life again, wiggling. And I said, "I bind you back in the Name of Jesus Christ." And when it did, the smoke flew out of him again, and he choked hisself right back again and turned to crystal.

In this vision, it is clear that the snake was bruised and died.

But then what is the meaning of this vision of bruised serpent?

We just discovered above it's William Marrion BRANHAM who meets the criteria of the woman Seed.

Such manifestations are visible only to God himself, the brothers had realized this and began to worship and to baptize in the name of William Marrion Branham.

In fact, it's the devil (serpent), who, knowing the plan of God wanted to discredit the ministry of William Marrion BRANHAM, which brought an affliction in his life.

The devil pushed the brothers to do things that are scriptural but yet before the time appointed by God as the testament does not take effect until the testator died.

