

TITLE: THE FORERUNNER: A WITNESS OF THE LIGHT

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Source Scripture: John 1:1-18 and 8:12

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The spoken Word is the original Seed

Jeffersonville, IN, 3-18-1962

Rev. William M. Branham

555 – “My mission, that I believe that God has called me for... I have to say some personal things today, because that’s what I told you I’d do, see, and tell the world. My mission, I believe, to the earth, is (what?) is to forerun the coming Word, see, the coming Word which is Christ. And Christ, in Him, has the Millennium, and has everything right there, because He is the Word.”

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Absolute

Jeffersonville, IN, 12-30-1962

Rev. William M. Branham

683 – “And I remember when He swept down there in that big Light, standing yonder at the bottom of the river, 1933, in June, when He said, ‘As—as John the Baptist was sent forth and forerun the first coming of Christ, I send you with a Message to the world, to forerun the second Coming of Christ.’ And around the world She’s went, when revival fires had been built for fifteen years on nearly every mountain. Divine healing across the nations, and the power, and restoration. And now I believe She is ready to strike that final climax yonder, to bring forth a Faith that will rapture the Church into Glory. And She is laying in the Messages.”

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Is this the sign of the end, sir?

Jeffersonville, IN, 12-30-1962

Rev. William M. Branham

687 – “when I was baptizing at two o’clock in the afternoon. And right out of a brassy sky, where there hadn’t been rain for weeks, here He come with a roar, and said, ‘As John the Baptist was sent forth, to forerun the first Coming of Christ, you’re sent forth with a Message, to forerun the

second Coming of Christ.’ Many men, from businessmen, the city, were standing on the bank, asked me what It meant. I said, ‘That wasn’t for me. It’s for you. I believe.’ Uh-huh. On It went. And when that Angel left, if you’ll remember, He went westward as He went up; right out, up, over the top of the bridge, and went westward.”

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Look away to Jesus

Jeffersonville, IN, 12-29-1963

Rev. William M. Branham

1058 – “I may be building a platform for somebody else to step on. I may be taken before that time. / But I do believe, that we are so close, that I would never die with old age. Yet, at fifty-four years old, I’ll never die with old age, until He’s here. See? Unless I’m shot, killed, or something other, some way killed, just old age wouldn’t kill me, until He’s come. And I believe that. / I may not do it, but this Message will introduce Jesus Christ to the world. For, ‘As John the Baptist was sent to forerun the first coming, so is the Message to forerun the second Coming.’ And John said, ‘Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.’ See? So, it’s, it paralleled it in every way. And I know it will, the Message will go on.”

BOOK OF THE SEALS

The Seventh Seal – Page 565-566

Rev. William M. Branham

³²⁵ Now, when that gets on tape, which It is, that’ll probably send ten thousand of my friends away from me. Cause, they’re going to say, that, “Brother Branham is trying to put himself, and make himself, a—a servant or a prophet, or something, before God.” Let me tell you, my brethren, that is an error.

³²⁶ I’m only telling you what I seen and what has been told to me. And now you—you do whatever you want to. I don’t know who is going to...what’s going to take place. I do not know. I just know that those Seven Thunders holds that mystery. The Heavens was quiet. Everybody understand? It may be time, it may be the hour now, that this great person that we’re expecting to rise on the scene may arise on the scene.

³²⁷ Maybe this ministry, that I have tried to take people back to the Word, has laid a foundation; and if it has, I’ll be leaving you, for good. There won’t be two of us here the same time. See? If it is, he’ll increase; I’ll decrease. I don’t know.

³²⁸ But I have been privileged, by God, to look and see what It was,

see, see unfold to that much. Now, that is the Truth.

³²⁹ And I'm sure that you've noticed the things that's been happening this week. I'm sure you noticed that little Collins boy laying there, dying, the other night; that little, leukemia girl.

³³⁰ The Kingdom of God is coming. And It's becoming more from the negative to the positive, as it has been. Now, that oughtn't to choke people. From justification, to sanctification, to the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and then here, here. See? We're just drawing closer to God, all the time.

THE MINISTRY OF THE BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE TODAY

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Just as the elect, the Bride back then, who was with the Lord Jesus Christ in His First Coming and was listening to the words of the Bridegroom... And John, being the friend of the Bridegroom, who didn't belong to that group that was with the Lord Jesus Christ, and neither were the people who were with John the Baptist: Neither were they forming part of that Bride of the Lord Jesus Christ in His First Coming; for John's disciples, who continued with John although the Messiah was there present, were not disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ but of John the Baptist; therefore, they were not the Bride of the Lord, to whom the Lord was speaking that Word.

But John said:¹ "The friend of the Bridegroom rejoices in the Voice of the Bridegroom." The Voice of the Bridegroom: Who was speaking, revealing the secrets of the Kingdom of the Heavens to the Bride, which was formed by that group of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ at His First Coming.

That is why the Lord Jesus Christ said to those who had believed in Him (not to those who were following John, but to those who were following Him), He said:² "But to you it is granted to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of the Heavens." And He also said to them:³ "But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. For many of the prophets and of the righteous desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it."

What were they seeing and what were they hearing? They were seeing the Bridegroom, Christ, the Messiah in His First Coming; they had received the Son of Man, the Bridegroom. And what were they hearing? They were

1 John 3:29

2 Matthew 13:11, Mark 4:11, Luke 8:10

3 Matthew 13:16-17

hearing the Voice of the Bridegroom revealing to them the mysteries of the Kingdom of the Heavens, so they could receive the relevant blessings of God for that time, in that second dispensation that was beginning.

Now, notice how it happened two thousand years ago. Now, notice that again the Lord Jesus Christ sent a forerunner messenger: Of the Second Coming of the Son of Man, just as He did for the First Coming.

And he saw things that would come to pass at the Second Coming of the Son of Man, which he announced would come to pass; he showed these things in different forms: By dreams, by visions, in parabolic form also and in different forms. And some of these things were not also, some of them, he was not allowed: He was not allowed to make known what he saw, when it came to the fulfillment of the Tent Vision and that little wooden room that someday, in the ministry of the Bridegroom and the Bride, will appear on the scene.

It was a secret not granted to any of the gentile Church ages, nor to the stage where he was forerunning the Second Coming of the Son of Man, which was between the seventh age and the eighth age, that is, between the Laodicean Age and the Age of the Cornerstone.

The people who lived at that time and followed the Message of the forerunner of the Second Coming of the Son of Man, were not allowed to know that secret, because that secret was under the Seventh Seal, which is the Second Coming of the Son of Man with His Angels; it is the Second Coming of the Bridegroom to the Bride, in order to carry out the final ministry, and to carry out the Great Work of and in the Second Coming of the Son of Man in union with His Bride.

Therefore, he was not permitted to reveal this great secret, because the fulfillment of that secret or mystery didn't correspond to any of the ages of the past, nor to the gap between the seventh age and the eighth age, that is, between the seventh age of the Church of Laodicea and the eighth age of the Cornerstone.