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**TITLE: THE LIFE OF THE FORERUNNER  
AND HIS MESSAGE**

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**Source Scripture: Malachi 4:5-6**

**BOOK OF THE SEALS**

**God hiding Himself in simplicity,... – Page 49**

*Rev. William M. Branham*

<sup>328</sup> When that Angel, that you see in that picture over there, come down on the river down there that day, thirty years ago this coming June, or thirty-three years ago, rather, this coming June; and said, “As John the Baptist was sent forth,” before five thousand people or more, “the hour has come when your Message will spray the world.”

<sup>329</sup> You remember the criticism, if any of you there. I guess, Roy Slaughter, or some of them sitting here, might remember the day; or some, Mrs. Spencer, or—or ever who would be some of the old people here that would—would know, see; George Wright, or some of them, see, know that, how it was. But hasn't It done it? It did it.

<sup>330</sup> And then in the midst, when they turned down, and said, “It's just a mental healing.” And God turned right back around and sent an old, dumb opossum in there, and was healed by the Power of God.

## **BOOK OF THE AGES**

### **The Laodicean Church Age – Page 326**

*Rev. William M. Branham*

Though he will not be popular, he will be vindicated by God. As Jesus authenticated John, and the Holy Ghost authenticated Jesus, we can well expect this man will be first of all authenticated by the Spirit working in his life in acts of power that are indisputable and found nowhere else; and Jesus Himself, in returning, will authenticate him, even as He authenticated John. John witnessed that Jesus was coming, — and so will this man, like John, witness that Jesus is coming. And the very return of Christ will prove that this man indeed was the forerunner of His second coming. This is the final evidence that this indeed is the prophet of Malachi 4, for the end of the Gentile period will be Jesus, Himself, appearing. Then it will be too late for those who have rejected him.

## **BOOK OF QUOTATIONS (in Spanish) – Page 119**

### **Look away to Jesus**

*Jeffersonville, IN, 12-29-63*

*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 QUOTATIONS (in Spanish) – Page 82**

### **Is this the sign of the end, sir?**

*Jeffersonville, IN, 12-30-62*

*Rev. William M. Branham*

693 - “And Zipporah being actually the—the wife of Moses, Zipporah, and we notice that I told him not to stop at them, no matter how old they was. They were organizations. Don’t stop at them. They’ve lived their time. But when he comes to my Wife, which is my Church that Jesus Christ has sent me, this in this last day, and here It is, ‘Stop there!’ And I was gone westward.”

## **BOOK OF QUOTATIONS (in Spanish) – Page 127**

### **The Masterpiece**

*Jeffersonville, IN, 5-7-64*

*Rev. William M. Branham*

1129 - “Finally, as He started way back in the days of Moses and come down through the prophets, to each one. And, finally, building up the body, coming closer all the time. And the greatest of all of them was John. The Bible said so. Jesus said it. ‘There is not a man, ever born of a woman, as great as John the Baptist,’ for he was the one that could introduce the Word. And then come, finally, the great Head, the Head of all of it. The rest of the body just spoke of It. The foundation was laid by the patriarch; but the body was built by the Word, which was the prophets; and here comes the Head of all of it, Jesus came on the

scene. There, when this Head piece was put upon it, we find in Him the entire handiwork of God. We find in Him the perfect reflection of the Word, for He was the Word, the fullness of the Word.”

## **BOOK OF QUOTATIONS (in Spanish) – Page 128**

### **The Feast of the Trumpets**

*Jeffersonville, IN, 7-19-64*

*Rev. William M. Branham*

1140 - “Go into the prophet’s chamber and watch them seven steps. Where did the — where did the guard meet the challenge to bring the comer into the presence of the king? At the top of the steps; was in the seventh step. There shows that we’ve got to come again with that same Spirit that was on John; he introduced the Messiah. He was greater than all the prophets; he introduced It. And we’ve got to come to a place, again, to something that’s going to introduce the Messiah. And how will the Messiah... the people that’s believing Him know it unless they’re constantly in the Word, to know what He is!”

## **BOOK OF QUOTATIONS (in Spanish) – Page 128**

### **Questions and Answers**

*Jeffersonville, IN, 5-27-62*

*Rev. William M. Branham*

605 - “<sup>177</sup> Where is that one that’s going to sow that Seed for that end-time Church? Where is that ripening Seed, that promised Elijah? And immediately after his days shall the great Tribulation set in and burn the earth.

<sup>178</sup> And then at the return of the Church and the Bride, the Bride and Christ shall walk out upon their ashes, in the Millennium, when the earth is purified by fire. And there

they shall reign. And the heathens that's never heard the Gospel shall be raised in that time, and the sons of God will be manifested. If he's to reign, he's got to have something to reign over, he's got a domain. 'And they ruled and reigned with Christ,' and Christ ruled with a rod of iron, the nations. Then the Gospel... Then the manifested sons of God, with the authority just like He had when He was here, see, there will come the Millennium in that Reign, see, upon the ashes.

<sup>179</sup> So I've watched for something. Has it slipped by us in humility and we've missed it? Is it gone and the church is left in her sins? If that be so, then it's later than you think. If not, then there's coming one with a Message that's straight on the Bible, and quick work will circle the earth. The seeds will go in newspapers, reading material, until every predestinated Seed of God has heard It. (...)

<sup>180</sup> Then when that takes place, it'll be a gathering together. And Jesus shall appear, and there will go the Church from all over the earth like that, with the resurrection, going up.

<sup>181</sup> Will it be like John came, and even the elected disciples didn't even know it? They said, 'Why saith the scribes that Elias must first come?'

<sup>182</sup> He said, 'He's already come and you didn't know it.' But said, 'They did what they said they would do unto him.' His message was so quick, look, to all of Israel, and it only happened in one little pla-...two—two little spots: just below in Jerusalem and there, or down at Aenon where John went up to baptize, and right down at the river where he was baptizing, the river dried up. Just six months, and the whole introduction of the Messiah come right in. See?"

## **THE TIME FOR THE PROPHECIES TO BE FULFILLED**

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Now, we can see that the mission of a forerunner is to announce to the people what is coming after him, to announce to the people the next ministry from God that will be sent to the Earth; and by means of his prophetic Message to present to the people all that the one who will come after him will do; to show to the people the promises that are in the Scripture, corresponding to the next prophet messenger that will fulfill those promises; and to show the people that when the forerunner appears on Earth, carrying out the Work with which he prepares the people for the coming of the foreran, the veil of flesh where God will fulfill the promises of the foreran is on Earth at the time of the coming of the forerunner ministering the Word of God with which he prepares the people for the Coming of the One to whom he is preparing the way. And it is with his Message that the forerunner presents the foreran before the people.

(...) It is very important to know the Message of the forerunner, and to identify the forerunner; because that Message is the prophetic Message that gives more light about the coming of the foreran, about the Coming of the Messiah. And the Message of the forerunner is the one that presents him to the people; that is why it is so important to know the Message of the forerunner, and to know well all that he has spoken about the one who will come after him; because the one who will come after him, in that veil of flesh God will fulfill all the promises that have been given

through His prophets and through the forerunner sent for that time, who is also a prophet, and is the last prophet before the coming of the foreran.

(...) And we find that the religious sects of Jesus' time failed to have a people well prepared to receive the Messiah in His First Coming.

That also gives testimony for the end of time to all the religious sects of Christianity, that a prophet forerunner of the Second Coming of Christ is required, to prepare the people with his Message to receive Christ in His Second Coming as Lion of the tribe of Judah, as King of kings and Lord of lords, in His Reclaiming Work.

No religious sect and no minister of any religious sect has that commission, except the forerunner of the Second Coming of Christ, which has already come and gone, and they didn't know him.

The forerunner of the Second Coming of Christ was identified in the year 1933, while he was baptizing a group of people, and while he was baptizing the 17th person, in the month of June, in the Ohio River, in the year 1933. There a light descended from heaven, the Pillar of Fire that had led the Hebrew people through the wilderness and had appeared to Moses on different occasions.

The same Pillar of Fire that John the Baptist saw descending upon Jesus, descended in 1933 upon a young preacher who had conducted a great campaign and was baptizing the converts in that campaign, the converts to Christ. And as he was baptizing, that Light descended from heaven like a ball of fire, and it came down upon him. He looked up and up there was that Light; and that Light spoke to him, telling him: "Just as John the Baptist was sent as a forerunner of the First Coming of Christ, your Message is

for the Second Coming of Christ.” In other words: “You are for the Second Coming of Christ.”

That young preacher was identified there as the forerunner of the Second Coming of Christ, who was about 24 years old at that time, and who was sent all over the Earth preaching, calling people to repentance and baptizing people (he with his collaborators), and announcing that we were living in the time when from one moment to another the Second Coming of Christ would be fulfilled.

So he was preaching for more than 32 years, from the year 33 to the year 1965; and with his Message announcing the Second Coming of Christ as Lion of the tribe of Judah, announcing the same one who was the Lamb of God. Now the same Angel of the Covenant who came in human flesh as the Lamb of God, now being announced as the Lion of the tribe of Judah for His Second Coming. Thus he carried out, the forerunner of the Second Coming of Christ, the ministry of Elijah in his fourth manifestation.

This prophet is known to all of us as the Reverend William Marrion Branham, from North America, who was faithful to the mission entrusted to him; and in all his messages we find that he speaks to us of the Second Coming of Christ, and he also shows us what the First Coming of Christ was and the Program that was carried out in the First Coming of Christ; and now he also shows us the Second Coming of Christ, he announces it, he prophesies about it, and he points out all the things that will be fulfilled in the Second Coming of Christ; and that is how in this end time the prophecy, the promise, of the coming of the forerunner of the Second Coming of Christ was fulfilled.

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