

A young Prophet baptizing in the Ohio River, 1933. Where the Light came whirling down.

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Saul, not yet called Paul, stood and held the coats of those who stoned Stephen to death, the valiant Stephen. This was one of the many atrocious acts by the zealot Saul which were to result in the scattering of the early Christians to other lands, thus fulfilling God's commandment to preach the message abroad. Then one day, Saul saw a Light that so completely shocked him that it reversed the entire purpose of his life. So it is recorded in Acts 9:1-7:

- 1 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,
- 2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.
- 3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:
- 4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?
- 5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.
- 6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.
- 7 And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.

Saul was not alone when this incident occurred. As 'Paul', he relates the incident two other times in the book of Acts. In Acts 22:9 (*And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me.*) and in Acts 26:13-15. Is there conflict here? Did those with Saul hear a voice or not? Let us read Paul's other account, in Acts 26:13-15, before the king:

13 At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of

the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.

14 And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.

Now we see that there was no conflict in the accounts, for the voice was in the Hebrew tongue and he alone of the group was able to understand what was said. But to the carnal mind which really has no desire to believe the Scriptures, this might seem a contradiction. I relate this seeming conflict in the accounts of Paul's experience so that those who read the following account of a Light in Brother Branham's life will realize there is no more discrepancy between this and other accounts they may have heard than that recorded by Paul's own writings of his experience.

It was on June 11, 1933, as Brother Branham was baptizing in the Ohio river at the foot of Spring Street in Jeffersonville, that a strange Light, like a star, suddenly came whirling down and hung over his head. There were about four thousand people sitting on the bank watching, many of whom were witnesses of this unexplainable phenomenon. Some ran in fear; others fell in worship. Many pondered the meaning of this remarkable occurrence. Just as with Saul, a Voice spoke from the Light. These were the words, "As John the Baptist was sent to forerun the first coming of the Lord, your message will forerun His second coming..."

If people can believe that God revealed Himself to Paul in a pillar of fire, what hinders them from having faith to believe that God could, and did, do it again in the twentieth century? Yet even among those who were used of God to confirm the message given at the foot of Spring Street, through tongues and interpretation, there are those who will deny that Brother Branham was the forerunner with a Message before the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I know of people in San Antonio, Texas, whom God used to repeat those words, "As John the Baptist was sent ...," but they deny him today. They either have no confidence in what God told them in 1946, or they have advanced so far in their theology that they feel they can change the original prophecy. Either way they are wrong. If God sent this man with the spirit of Elijah to forerun His second coming and to correct those things that have gone off into tradition and strayed from the Word of God and if God kept His Word to this man every time he said, "Thus saith the Lord." then we should also listen to his doctrine.

The year 1933 was a time of major revelation for Brother Branham and those who followed his message then and now. As foundation to those revelations, let us turn to our Bible to the second chapter of the book of Daniel. King Nebuchadnezzar had a vision of an image that seemingly could not be interpreted, though he called all his magicians, soothsayers, and wise men for an answer. The he heard that Daniel could be of help. Nebuchadnezzar's image had a head of fine gold, breast and arms of silver, belly and thighs of brass, legs of iron, and feet of part iron and part clay.

The prophet Daniel revealed to the king, through the word of the Lord, that this image was

the key to the governments which should come upon the earth from Nebuchadnezzar's day until the end of time. Nebuchadnezzar himself, being a great king was the head of gold. After him would come an inferior kingdom symbolised by the chest and arms of silver (history shows this was the kingdom of the Medes and Persians). Following this was the ancient Grecian empire symbolised by brass. After this was to be an even lesser kingdom which was at first joined together, then divided (the belly and thighs of brass). The Roman Empire was this kingdom, for it started out one kingdom then divided. The legs of iron are likened to the European powers and the balance of power after the Roman Empire. But the image had feet of part iron and part clay, a substance that could not mix.

The name "Eisenhower" means ironworker: "Krushchev" means clay. Each of these men headed five nations, and every time they tried to get together, they found they simply could not mix. They always had an argument. The nations have mixed somewhat today until you have difficulty dividing the world into absolute iron and clay alliances, but they wouldn't mix under Khrushchev and Eisenhower. Notice that when Khrushchev came to the United Nations, what did he use to beat on the table? Not his fist, not a hammer, not his head, not a book, but his shoe. As Brother Branham taught, this shows clearly that we are in the last governments of the world (the feet of the image) before the end of time, according to Daniel's prophecy.

Just as God revealed to Daniel those things that would take place from then until the end of time, so it was in the period late 1932 to early 1933, when Brother Branham was conducting services in the old Masonic Hall on Meigs Avenue in Jeffersonville, that seven major events were revealed to him which were to come to pass before the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. On this morning, just before he was to preach, this series of visions appeared to him. The first was that Mussolini, would invade Ethiopia, and according to the voice speaking to him, Ethiopia would fall at Mussolini's steps. However the voice continued and prophesied that there would be a dreadful end to this dictator. He was to die a horrible death and his own people would literally spit on him. It is now history how all this happened.

The next vision indicated how America would be drawn into a World War against Germany, which would be headed up by an Austrian. The prediction was that this terrible war would overthrow this leader and he would come to a mysterious end. In this vision Brother Branham was shown the great Seigfried Line, several years before it was built. He was shown that the Americans would pay a great toll of lives to overcome this fortification. In another vision, at a later time, he was shown that it was President Roosevelt who would declare war against Germany and would eventually be elected to the fourth term in office, something that had never happened before. Remember that in 1933 Roosevelt had just been elected to his first term.

The third vision showed that there were three "isms" in the world: Fascism, Nazism, and Communism, and that the first two would come to nothing, but Communism would flourish. The voice admonished him to keep his eyes on Russia concerning future events, and said, "Watch Russia, she will become a great world power." In 1933, Russia was not even recognised by the United States as a legitimate country, The revolution had occurred in 1917 and the two countries had not exchanged ambassadors until 1933.

The fourth vision predicted tremendous advances in science right after the war. In this vision, he saw automobiles shaped like eggs traveling the American highways. I ask you to look at the advertisements of the Volkswagen today, even comparing it with an egg and saying, "Some shapes cannot be improved on!" In 1933, this car had not even been designed. Also he saw a car with a bubble roof, traveling completely automatically down the highway with the driver turned and playing some kind of a game with those in the back seat. The car had no steering wheel. They have such automobiles today, controlled by electronics, which were displayed in the 1962 Worlds Fair.

The fifth vision involved the womanhood of the world. In this vision he was shown the rapid moral decay of the women, starting back when they recieved their so-called "liberty" to enter into world affairs by means of the vote. He saw that this right to vote would result in the election, by the women of America, of a "boy" president. (Just remember that Jack Kennedy won his election by the vote of the women.) Right after this the women began exposing their nakedness, revealing the intimate parts of their bodies. He saw them with hair bobbed off, adopting the clothing of men, and becoming perverted. Finally the vision showed the women stripped practically naked, covered merely with a tiny apron about the size and shape of a fig leaf. Such is advertised now in the magazines - plastic dresses that you can see through, with just little patches over the necessary places. With womanhood so little valued, a terrible decay of all flesh came upon the earth and such perversion even as the Word of God says would happen.

Then in the sixth vision, there arose in the United States a beautiful woman, clothed in splendor and royal robes, with great power given to her. She was beautiful to look upon, but there was a "hardness about her that defied description," Brother Branham said "beautiful as she was, yet she was cruel, wicked, cunning, and deceitful". She dominated the land with her authority. She had complete power over the people. The vision indicated that either such a woman would literally arise or that this was merely a type of an organisation, scripturally characterized as a woman. Though the Voice did not reveal who she was, Brother Branham felt in his heart that this woman represented the rising Roman Catholic church, and he inserted in parentheses at the end of the vision, which he had written out, the words. "Perhaps the Roman Catholic Church."

One has but to look at the control that this organisation now exercises over our government to see how this could be, A few years ago the Postal Service couldn't even place a candle in the midst of a wreath on a Christmas stamp lest it represent some particular religious sect. Shortly thereafter, however, they published a female angel blowing a trumpet and called it the Archangel Michael. Then the next year they published the virgin Mary sitting in a red-canopied throne holding the infant Jesus and said that it commenerated a great piece of art. That is, they said that until the postmaster general returned from a visit to the Pope, and finding such a controversy, said, "I will no longer be a hypocrite, certainly it is the United States government expressing preference for a particular religion."

This indicates they have enough control that, even over the protests of the Protestants, Moslems, and Jews, our government still published a stamp favouring the Catholic Church.

The next year the stamp was repeated, only now it was eighty-five percent larger, because it had been so popularly received the year before. Then when the Catholic Church did away with about forty saints a short time ago, they said the reason was so the Protestants would join them in unity. But the Bible says that they will all give their power to the harlot church, the mother of them all (Rev 13:15).

If the people will not believe that this man was a major prophet of God, when five of these visions that God showed him in 1933 to the end of time have already been literally fulfilled, then they are blind. It has also been shown that the sixth vision is in the process of being fulfilled. What is to keep the Catholic Church from taking over America?

Then the voice bade Brother Branham to look once more. As he turned, he beheld a great explosion which rent the land and left America a smoldering, chaotic ruin. As far as the eye could see, there was nothing but craters and smoking piles of debris, and no humanity in sight - the seventh vision then faded away.

Five major visions fulfilled - two to go. What do you suppose the probability that the other two will be fulfilled also? Just consider the variables involved in the first five and their wide diversity - an Austrian leading Germany and his mysterious end, the Seigfried line and the Allied defeat there, Italy marching into Ethiopia, Mussolini's terrible end, Russia's rise to power, Communism conquering the other isms, the bubble car, the immorality among women - all prophesied in 1933 - all now history. Considering the many factors involved, coupled with the fact that young William Branham had limited formal education and almost no contact with world politics, the predictions could not have been the product of his own reasoning. No, the odds against the five being fulfilled by chance are tremendous. Therefore, I say that of course the other two visions will come to pass and their terrible implications should be enough to cause anyone realizing this, to yield to God with all their heart while there is yet time.

If God sent this man, called him from his mother's womb, prepared him through childhood, appeared to him in these supernatural ways, just as He did the Apostle Paul, why can't people today have the faith to see that we serve the same God that Paul served?

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