



The Acts of the Prophet.
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Because of the unusual subject and content of this book, I feel that a certain amount of explanation is necessary that the reader may better understand and better appreciate the message it contains. The book was taken from taped sermons which I delivered to my congregation at the non-denominational Tucson Tabernacle, in Tucson, Arizona, in the spring of 1969. It is therefore a "spoken book," and although it has been edited, it still retains the flavor of its initiation in a series of sermons.

This book is about a man who was sent from God to this Age. This man was a Prophet; yet as Christ said of John the Baptist in Matthew 11:9, I believe he was more than a prophet, for he was a Prophet-Messenger to the closing days of Christianity. Isaiah, long before the birth of Christ, proclaimed: 9:6,

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting father, The Prince of Peace."

Similarly, I can look back at the beginning of this Twentieth Century and say that unto us a son was given, unto us a Prophet was born, and he was to forerun the Second coming of "that Son" of Isaiah's prophecy again upon the earth. The complete story of this Prophet's life would fill many more volumes than I, a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, would have time to write. Nor am I commissioned to be a writer. My work is preaching, but I am a preacher whose life was affected so completely by the ministry of this End-time Prophet, that my own ministry has become moulded to a new purpose.

Thus it is, that I point to this man and his Message as he pointed to Christ. In this way only can I fulfil my ministerial duties of service to God - by acknowledging what He did for this Twentieth Century world through the life of one man. My desire is to acquaint all who read this account with the character, life, and acts of this God-selected man.

This book is witness to the miraculous things I have seen and heard, for God has truly blessed me and I wish to give Him the glory. I will not apologize for the frequent mention I make of the name of this man, for I believe that even the seven-lettered parts of his name were ordained by God: William Marrion Branham, a Prophet of the Twentieth Century, a man of God selected to forerun the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I call him, "Brother" Branham, for he said, "if you love me, you will call me brother," and my

life is open to any challenge that I did not truly love this brother, this man of God.

As recorded in Acts 4, the disciples were summoned by the authorities, beaten with many stripes, and forbidden to talk or teach in the Name of Jesus Christ. Their answer to their accusers was, *"Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye."*

Likewise before condemning me for this humble writing, my accusers should know that I felt led of God to do it. One compelling reason why I must do this is out of gratitude for the witness of those who walked with Jesus. I thank God for their record. They fulfilled the post-resurrection commandment of Jesus in Luke 24:48 *"Ye are witnesses of these things."*

I know that if I had lived in the days of Jesus, in a land distant from Israel, and someone had come to tell me of Jesus Christ, I would have appreciated their faithful witness. So believing that God has visited this generation, I come telling what He has done. He sent a Prophet, and I feel privileged to bear witness of those things that were done through that Prophet's life.

I trust that I have made clear the responsibility I feel to tell what I have seen and heard, fulfilling a commission to bear witness of what Jesus Christ has done in my generation. Even after the ascension of the Lord Jesus, the disciples were hesitant to do this. In Acts 1:4-8 the Bible tells that Jesus commanded the assembled disciples that they should not depart from Jerusalem but should wait for the Promise of the Father, saying in verse 5:

"For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence."

They asked Him whether He would at that time restore again the kingdom to Israel, to which He answered:

"It is not for you to know the times of the seasons which the Father hath put in His own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

From these verses, I believe that the infilling of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost brings power to the recipient to go forth and bear witness of the things that God has permitted him to experience and understand in his lifetime. No doubt when Peter, James, John and the others told certain things, there were among the hearers those who did not believe because they had not themselves witnessed the miracles. But Jesus said: *"Ye are my witnesses."* When Thomas was invited to satisfy his doubt by thrusting his hands into the wounds of the risen Christ, he was told *"more blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."*

Yet some things are harder to believe by seeing them, than they are to believe without seeing. When the disciples bore witness of the things that Jesus did, walking on water, breaking the loaves, passing out fish, healing the blind, even raising the dead - there were those who could not fathom the truth before their eyes. *"Too fantastic,"* they said. Likewise, I

will relate things that happened in this generation in the life of Brother Branham, that only some will believe. It is not my responsibility to persuade all men to believe, but it is my responsibility to tell all men what I believe, what I have seen and heard, and give them a reason for the "*hope that is within me*" at this hour, and why I stand where I do.

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