



More than a Prophet.

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Beyond the shadow of a doubt, there will be some who will read in the previous chapters of our belief that Brother Branham was the prophet sent to this generation, with the spirit of Elijah, and will be very sceptical of our elevating a man to such a position. They will feel that maybe somebody else would have been more qualified. I have endeavoured to lay out the Scriptural qualifications and show this brother's life, ministry, and acts that God accomplished through his life in comparison with the Holy Scriptures, believing that nothing is outside the Word. At the same time, I remind those that would be critical of this work, not that I might condemn you, but rather that you might understand in your hearts that there were those

who were on earth at the time of Jesus who knew the scriptures by memory, knew the law and the words of the prophets, yet Jesus Christ had to say to these Pharisees one day, "*Because ye claim to have light, ye are blind.*" I trust that this statement won't offend, but there is a grave possibility that some who read or hear this, may claim to have such revelation and light themselves, as did the Pharisees, that they will overlook entirely, not intentionally, but out of blindness, what God has done in this generation.

God is not a vain God. Before He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, Emmanuel in human flesh, He said by the prophets that there would be a forerunner, a messenger who would go before Him and prepare the way. Therefore, before the first coming of Jesus Christ there was a messenger who foreran that first coming. Reading from Matthew 11:7-15, the words of Jesus concerning this forerunner:

7 And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind?

8 But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.

9 But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.

10 For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

11 Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of

heaven is greater than he.

12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

14 And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come.

15 He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Jesus Christ himself verified that John the Baptist fulfilled Malachi, the 3rd chapter, when He said that he was the messenger that was to go before His face and prepare the way. Jesus confronts the multitudes with the fact that they had gone out to see a prophet, and there was a prophet, one with the Word of God; yet he was more than a prophet. He was also a messenger, proclaiming that Jesus Christ the Son of God was there to redeem the world - that Scripture was being fulfilled in his day. This made him more than a prophet. It made him a forerunner that He would send to this (John's) generation of the covenant that God had made Abraham.

Now, if there is a prophet messenger to the twentieth century to forerun the second coming of Jesus Christ, this messenger will appear to be the same kind of a misfit person as John was. He will also be just as controversial as John was. He will not be popular. In fact, any popularity that he would gain in the early days of his ministry he will no doubt lose as he begins to speak the truth given to him by God. So it was with Brother Branham, who enjoyed such tremendous popularity and acceptance as long as he preached divine healing, and as long as there were miracles, without the doctrine. But when he brought the message that God had sent him to bring, after the sign of divine healing and the revival around the world had begun (to attract the attention of the people so that he might speak the Word of God), there were many people who followed him no longer. They said he was wrong in his doctrine. But he was God's man for this hour and the elect were those who recognised him and believed him, just as there were those who were elected, chosen, and predestinated by God in the day of John the Baptist who saw, recognised, and followed him. They believed when John said, "*Behold, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world.*" They believed him and accepted the Messiah.

The Scriptures testify that all who accepted and believed Jesus Christ had first heard the message of the messenger who prepared the way before Him. Even in Acts when Paul found those in Ephesus who had not been baptised correctly, he said, "*Unto what baptism have ye been baptised?*" They said, "*Unto John's baptism.*" That is they heard John's message first, believed it, and when Paul preached to them Jesus, they were rebaptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Brother Branham's ministry has opened the eyes of the believers, the elect of God, wider than has ever been for any other age. They have seen more of what God has done and continues to do in this generation, but at the same time it has blinded the eyes of those who have become hardened and set in their traditions.

Some will find these words offensive; but just as Paul said the things that he spoke were of God, so I believe that it is time we should say to the world that God visited this generation,

for He sent a mighty prophet into our midst. He was more than a prophet; he was a man sent from God with a message. It is important to hear that message. The prophet Amos said, under inspiration, *"Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets."* (Amos 3:7) To prove that Brother Branham's life fits the Scripture, and that He was more than a prophet for this age, consider this: He was not only mentioned by Christ, *"Truly Elijah shall first come and restore all things,"* but he was also mentioned by John the Revelator in Revelation 10:7,

"But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets."

Brother Branham brought a series of important sermons in 1960 entitled "The Seven Church Ages" based on Revelation, chapters 2 and 3. The sermons have foundation in the fact that each of the seven Asian churches mentioned in these chapters can be likened to an age in the history of the church. A detailed discussion of the important revelations brought by Brother Branham in these sermons would be too lengthy to present here; however, the hard bound volume entitled "The Revelation of Jesus Christ" contains the transcript of the Seven Church Ages sermons and may be obtained from;

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In brief, in Revelation, chapters 2 and 3, each message to each church begins with: *"Unto the angel of the church in (Ephesus) (Smyrna) (Pergamos) (Thyatira) (Sardis) (Philadelphia) (Laodicea) write;..."* When Brother Branham, under the inspiration of God, brought the revelation of the mystery of these seven church ages, by the leadership of the Holy Spirit and divine vision, he determined the boundaries of these ages in history. The word "angel" was revealed to mean "messenger" in this application. God also revealed to him the name of each messenger to each age. For example, Paul was the first messenger to the first church age. That age began about 53 A.D. and lasted till about 170 A.D., the time when the power of God in His church began to taper off. The conditions in the corresponding Asian church of Ephesus, revealed by the Spirit to John the Revelator, as given in Revelation, chapters 2, verses 1 through 7, fit perfectly with the spiritual conditions of the church, the unbelievers present, and the antichrist at that time in church history.

The second messenger taught the same doctrine and held to the same truths that Paul taught. This age lasted from about the year 170 to the year 312. The messenger to this age was unquestionably Irenaeus.

The third church age was Pergamos, beginning just before the council of Nicea, in 325, and lasting until the beginning of the Dark Ages in the year 606. The messenger was a man named Martin.

Then came the Thyatira Age, during the Dark Ages until 1520, whose messenger was Columba. He was truly a man of God, holding a message at the end of that age, endeavouring

to bring some truth and some light to a spiritually darkened world.

The Sardis age spanned the years 1520 (time of the reformation) until 1750. The messenger was Martin Luther. Revelation chapter 3, verse 2, speaks of a lack of life in the church. Martin Luther brought just what was needed - life into that which was dead, dark, and dismal. There was no light during the Dark Ages. The antichrist had gained such a hold that the church dispensed everything for money, including salvation to the people, when Martin Luther came forth with the first light for that day, crying, *"The just shall live by faith."*

Then the Golden Age, the Philadelphian Age, the age of brotherly love, came in from about 1750 to the turn of the twentieth century, when the Holy Spirit first fell, in 1906 in Azusa Street, on America's west coast. No doubt that John Wesley, with his message of sanctification, was a man sent from God to bring to pass and fulfil Scripture that John the Revelator wrote on the Isle of Patmos for this age.

The seventh age is the Laodicean Age. This is our day. I might not be able to prove conclusively the first six ages, but certainly we should be able to look at the conditions of the church today and see that it fits the church of Laodicea. The Laodicean Age, the age that means "people's rights", where, if the people don't like what the preacher is preaching, they just get themselves another preacher. John wrote of the Laodicean Age in Revelation chapter 3, verses 14 through 22:

*14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;
15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.
16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.*

What comes from the mouth of God? *"Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."* If people today that call themselves Christians would accept the Word of God as the Word of God, then they would no longer be lukewarm; they would be hot. There are those though who have just enough truth to barely know that Jesus Christ is the Saviour of the world, but yet they have changed the Gospel. Just look at the condition of the church today. (Remember these are not my teachings; they are the teachings of Brother Branham. Brother Branham said that the church today is rich; it is increased with goods; it says it has need of nothing, but at the same time, according to Revelation chapter 3, verse 17: *"...and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked,"* and most pitiful of all is that it *"knoweth it not."* Brother Branham further expounds on the conditions of this age in his sermon entitled *"And knoweth it Not"* preached in Jeffersonville, in August, 1965.

Never before has the church - that is organised Christianity - been so rich, so increased with goods. Some own apartment complexes, shopping centres, even factories. In Italy one of the large businesses was not even able to elect officers until the Roman Church sent in its proxy of votes, so great was the block of stock owned by that church. What are most preachers today, if not promoters? The most successful are those who can promote, organise, and

present a program with such entertainment from the pulpit that the crowds increase - as do the offerings and the buildings. They have become entertainers of their congregations. TV and radio carry their messages of entertainment. They even pay their singers. Where is the leadership of the Holy Ghost? These were the things that Brother Branham cried out against in this generation. Certainly the world didn't believe him; they didn't accept him.

John continues in Revelation 3:18:

18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

Remember the Pharisees claimed to have light, therefore they were blind. I beseech you, as did Brother Branham, to obtain eye salve, to look again closely at what God has done so that you too might have eye salve applied and believe that God has visited this generation, that He has sent a prophet, yea, more than a prophet - the messenger to the Laodicean Church Age, a man by the name of William Branham, with the spirit of Elijah upon him.

Look at the final condition of this church age. According to the Scriptures, Jesus Himself said, "*Behold. I stand at the door and knock...*" This Scripture has been used wrongly for years by well-meaning ministers, saying that Jesus is knocking at the door of the heart; but a closer look reveals that it is Jesus Christ Himself put out of His own church in the last church age. It has become Christless. They don't need God anymore: they have money, programs, systems. Billy Graham himself says that if the Holy Spirit was withdrawn from the earth, ninety percent of the activities of the church would go right on, meaning that only ten percent is directed by the Holy Ghost. The other ninety percent is man-made program. They don't need Christ This is the day when Jesus is standing at the door of His own church, saying, "*Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.*"

I have brought these church ages in brief in this chapter. But, I would tell you of this event in Brother Branham's life: when he finished preaching this series of messages, brought to you briefly in this chapter, this Pillar of Fire which I have often mentioned in previous chapters came down into the congregation of approximately six hundred people, and the reflection of this Pillar of Fire drew these seven church ages on the wall, just as Brother Branham had drawn them on a blackboard. There were many who saw it and believed it. Others did not accept it, even then.

Shortly thereafter, an eclipse of the moon occurred. Photographs of this eclipse, published in magazines and newspapers all over the world, showed the same signs, the same darkness, the same light, and that seventh church age, about which Zechariah said, "*There shall be light at the evening time,*" as had been drawn on Brother Branham's blackboard and confirmed by the Pillar of Fire. These things were not only declared on earth, but they were declared in the heavens above. For this reason, I say that our Brother Branham was more than a prophet; he was the messenger to the seventh church age.

Jesus said about the end time, *"But as the days of Noe were, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man."* In Luke the 17th chapter, He also says, *"Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot... Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed."* Now in the days of Noah, Enoch was translated, taken away, before Noah ever went through the time of trouble. This represents the church of today being taken away before the tribulation, raptured away, and others passing through the tribulation and coming up on the other side. But as it was in the days of Lot, there were three groups: the wicked people of Sodom and Gomorrah who were destroyed, the believers like Lot who were in Sodom, and the elected ones, Abraham and those in his tent up in the wilderness.

We can look at the evil as it was in the days of Lot; we can see the marrying and giving in marriage, the drinking and the sodomy, and all the other forms of immorality around us today. But remember this, that the Scripture cannot be broken, and it says when evil comes God shall raise up a standard against it in our day. So we must not only look to see the wickedness that is taking place before the Son of man is revealed, but we must also look to see the standard that God himself would raise up in this twentieth century, just prior to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, the end of all things, the revelation of the mysteries of God, that we too, like Abraham, elected ones, might see that God has visited us in this generation.

Now, how did God do it in Abraham's day? Abraham was sitting one day in the door of his tent when three men came walking up. Abraham rose up and said *"Elohim."* He called him *"Lord."* One of those messengers was God in human flesh, or Abraham would never have called him Elohim. The other two messengers left and went to Sodom, a type of the world, and preached repentance, and those who would listen came out with them. Now I am going to give this very briefly not to stir you up, but that you may read it and hear it as it was spoken by Brother Branham: The one who stayed with Abraham in his tent - what attribute did He manifest to Abraham? Sarah laughed within herself in the tent behind Him and He said, *"Why did Sarah laugh?"* That was the attribute of God that was manifested before judgement fell on Sodom and Gomorrah.

What attribute did Jesus Christ, the Son of God Himself, use to prove to His disciples that He was the Son of Man? Nathanael, while he was yet underneath the tree was seen by Jesus, for when they went and got Nathanael and brought him to Jesus, Jesus said, *"Behold, an Israelite in whom there is no guile."* Nathanael answered Him and said, *"Well, how did you know who I am?"* He said, *"I saw thee while thou was yet under the tree."* Jesus manifested an attribute of God, and people accepted that as God standing there before them, the Messiah.

Now I would ask you thousands who saw our Brother Branham's ministry and life, did he ever stand and turn his back to a congregation, and call people by name, and tell them the secrets of their heart - people he had never met before? You may say, *"Are you saying that he was more than a prophet, that he was God?"* No, but may I say that the Word is God - and that the Word was in this man - and that God was manifesting Himself to this generation by the Acts of the Holy Ghost in a man that He had chosen from his mother's womb to be a prophet of God. He had stood to show and reveal plainly the Son of man, so that the people who are the elected ones of God might understand in their hearts what it is like to be like Jesus. For

this generation had forgotten what He was like. They had to read in the Scriptures *"Speak these things ... believe without doubt... have faith, and these things shall take place... greater things than these shall you do."* But who was doing them until God sent a man, so full of Himself, so separated from sin, so ordained of God with His Word, that he could, like that one standing at Abraham's tent, turn his back and call them by name and reveal the secrets of their hearts. As we said before, this was the last attribute before judgement struck Sodom and Gomorrah. These are my words, and his: *"Thus saith the Lord, that is the last attribute of God that this generation shall see before judgement strikes the world."*

When God first appeared to Abraham, it was in the heat of the day. Now was it not in the heat of the day on June 11, 1933, that the Pillar of Fire first appeared over the prophet of God in the Ohio River? There were several thousand people to witness it that day. This was a long time before Brother Billy Graham ever came forth preaching. Now I would also remind you that there are two men now who are prominent in the world of religion whose names end in "ham." Remember that God changed Abram's name to Abraham ("ham" being part of God's name, Elohim). If there were three that walked up to Abraham's tent, and I am declaring to you that Brother Branham fulfilled Luke 17:30 by revealing the Son of man, then there must be also the other two witnesses who would go down and preach to the world.

Consider Dr. Billy Graham and Rev Oral Roberts, two men known all over the world, nationwide through TV, radio, and magazines. The One who stayed with the elected in Abraham's day was an unknown . He only appeared to Abraham. He not only told Abraham beforehand of the promised judgement but he also told Abraham that a promised Son would come. He is the one that revealed that attribute to Abraham, and when Abraham saw it, he believed it. Do you see the same type, *"As it was in the days of Lot, so shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed."*

To clarify, when Jesus Christ was here, He was known by three titles. In the Scriptures, He was called the Son of man, Son of God, and Son of David. Now while He was here He called Himself the Son of man continually because he was the prophet. This is seen in Ezekiel being called son of man by God, because "prophet" means "son of man." Ezekiel was the prophet to his day, just as Jesus Christ was that Prophet of who Moses had said, "God will raise up one like unto myself." Jesus was that Prophet, but throughout the church ages, Jesus Christ has been known as the Son of God, arisen and glorified. He is yet to be the Son of David in the Millennium. He will sit on His Father David's throne and be known as the Son of David. But if you will note, in Luke 17:30, *"Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed."* What day? As it was in the day of Sodom. But what was revealed in that day? Was it not that God appeared in flesh as a prophet to Abraham and Sarah, just prior to the coming son, Isaac, who was a type of Christ?

Now, if Jesus is to reveal Himself once more as the Son of man in this last day, then it is necessary that the Spirit of God come to the people once more in a Word-vindicated prophet who will point the Church to the coming of the Son of God, Jesus Christ. (You see, He was Son of man when he was here; now He is Son of God; and if He is to be revealed as Son of man before He is Son of David, it will have to be in a prophet.) Thus for God to be true to His Word, He had to send a prophet. We were looking for that prophet. God sent him and we

know him as William Branham, but he revealed unto us the Son of man, Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever - a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart, revealing that attribute of God which God Himself revealed to Abraham just before the judgement struck Sodom and Gomorrah. I say that he was more than a prophet. The Word was in him and the Word was God. To reject him and his message is to reject God.

Just as Samuel was in the place of those people in his day, so was our Brother Branham in the place of God to the people of this generation. When they rejected Samuel, God said, "*They have rejected Me!*" When you reject a God-sent prophet, you reject God. If you don't understand this - who was that in Moses when he threw himself between God and the people and said, "*Take me, rather than take the people*"? That was Christ in Moses. The Word was in Moses, and the Word came to Moses, and he gave it to Aaron, and he became to Aaron, "instead of God," (Ex 4:16) and Aaron became his mouthpiece, a prophet of Moses. Even if I stand and speak these things to you now and say the words that God gave Brother Branham, then I'm not a prophet of God, but I'm a prophet of the prophet God chose to speak through me.

In his book on the church ages, on page 328, Brother Branham said there would be some who would worship him, and believe him to be the Messiah, but he told us not to believe it. He said he needs no greater place of honour than that which John the Baptist had. He was more than a prophet. He was a messenger. The Word that he brought was God to this generation - but he said *he was my brother* - and I believe it.

God visited this generation - with more than a prophet - with a messenger with a message, to forerun the second coming of Jesus Christ.

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