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**TITLE: HE WHO HAS A GREATER TESTIMONY
THAN THAT OF JOHN THE BAPTIST**

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BOOK OF THE SEALS

The Seventh Seal – Page 565

Rev. William M. Branham

^{1326]} 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.

WHAT IS NECESSARY TO KNOW IN THE LAST DAY

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Now, we can see that Jesus didn't deny that John the Baptist was His forerunner, He placed him in the biblical position in which God had placed him. Jesus Christ pointed to the Scriptures that spoke of the messenger that would come before Jesus, He identified him with the Scripture; just as also for the Last Day it will be happening; because just as Jesus identified John: John identified Jesus.

And now, we find that the forerunner of the Second Coming of Christ identifies with his Message the promise of the Second Coming of Christ, and the way in which the Second Coming of Christ will be fulfilled in the Last Day. And the fulfillment of the Second Coming of Christ is the final identification or final confirmation that the Reverend William Marrion Branham is the forerunner of the

Second Coming of Christ; in other words, the fulfillment of what he foreran is the major identification that William Marrion Branham is the forerunner of the Second Coming of Christ; just as the greater identification that John the Baptist was the forerunner of the First Coming of Christ, was the fulfillment of the First Coming of Christ.

THE LIGHT OF THE PROMISED WORD

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The death of Christ, His burial and the three days He was in the heart of the Earth were reflected even in the prophet Jonah. The Lord Jesus Christ said: "As Jonah was in the belly of a great fish three days and three nights, so shall the Son of Man be in the heart of the Earth."

We can see that in the different prophet messengers sent from God, He reflects what will be fulfilled in the dispensational prophet messenger. Every prophet of every age is a lesser Light to the Light of God manifested in a dispensational prophet. When a dispensational prophet appears, a greater Light is manifested to illuminate not only an age, but an entire dispensation. And in the messengers prior to the dispensation in which the dispensational messenger appears, in those previous messengers of ages, everything that would be fulfilled in the dispensational messenger is reflected.

(...) Now, going from the first messenger to the seventh messenger, which was William Marrion Branham in North America, we can say with certainty that William Marrion Branham was the seventh Light of the candlestick of the gentile Church, of that Mystical Body of the Lord Jesus Christ; and he was illuminating the eyes of the understanding of the human beings in the time he was as a minister of the Most High God, ministering the relevant Message for his time, and announcing that the great Light would come after him, that a greater ministry would come after him, for the benefit of all the children of God, a ministry that would work in divine love, and that would obtain the Great Victory in the Divine Love, for the benefit of all the children of God.

Now, we have seen that William Marrion Branham was also the

Elijah that the Lord Jesus Christ said would come and restore all things.

It was also said by the prophet Malachi that Elijah would come first and restore all things, before the great and dreadful day of the Lord would come. Malachi, chapter 4, gives us testimony of this mighty prophet that God sent in this twentieth century to be Light in the seventh age of the gentile Church, to be the last Light of the Dispensation of Grace. It says [verse 5]:

“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord:

And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children (John the Baptist fulfilled that), and the heart of the children to their fathers (William Marrion Branham fulfilled that), lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.”

Before the day of vengeance of our God comes, the great and terrible day, He promised that He would send Elijah to carry out that Work. And God sent him, and he is William Marrion Branham the Elijah that would come before the great and terrible day of the Lord.

He already came and many people didn't even know him; but there are others who did know him and have all the messages, dreams, prophecies and visions that he saw from the Lord for the people, in which he showed them the relevant time for the ministry that he carried out, and he also showed them a time to come, where a new dispensation would begin with a new dispensational Message, with a new prophetic ministry, in order to produce the faith for the elect to be raptured, to produce the faith to be transformed, we who are alive, and to resurrect those who departed in the past.

(...) Now, aware that William Marrion Branham was the Light of the Word promised for the seventh age, and also for the stage where the Work of preparation of the people to receive the Coming of the Lord was being carried out, we thank God for this powerful prophet that God raised up in North America with the spirit and power of Elijah in his fourth manifestation.

We have felt his departure very much; but just as John the Baptist said that he had to diminish, so it has happened; for he also said that two couldn't be here at the same time.

(...) And none of us would have wished that the departure of our

brother Branham had been like this; for we loved him and we will love him for all eternity. He was the Light of the seventh age of the gentile Church.

Now, he had to depart; and when the time comes for a person to leave, because the person doesn't know when that time will be, that person somehow has to leave at the time assigned by God. God will choose the way in which each one of His children has to depart from here on Earth.

Therefore, if God chose that way for the departure of our beloved brother Branham, God is sovereign; that is how God determined the departure of our beloved brother Branham; therefore, no one could prevent his departure.

We find that even in his days of agony and in his departure, the time of the gentile Church ages was reflected there. The Divine Program of past ages was reflected in him; and also the Divine Program of the Dispensation of the Kingdom, which would begin after his departure, was reflected in him in different stages of his life.

(...) And on December 24, 1965, at 5:49 in the afternoon, the Light of the seventh age of the gentile Church departed; the Light of the promised Word in human flesh departed on that date, to later give way to a new dispensation, where the Light of the promised Word for the Dispensation of the Kingdom would be manifested.

And just as the elect of every age saw the Light of the Word manifested in human flesh in the messenger of every age, we expect in this end time that the elect of God, the children of God, will see the Light of the Word promised for the Dispensation of the Kingdom being manifested according to the promises of the Word; for God can do nothing except according to what He has promised in His Word.

(...) Since our beloved brother Branham was a prophet messenger from God to the children of God, then his prophecies, dreams and visions are the Word of God. Therefore, in those dreams and visions we will find great prophecies that point out the things that the Lord Jesus Christ would be doing in this end time.

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