

BIBLE STUDY #165 – SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

TITLE: THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

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Source Scripture: John 14:1-6

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Israel and the Church #4

Jeffersonville, IN, 3-28-53

Rev. William M. Branham

28 - “I truly believe, before the Church can have the Rapture, it’s got to have rapturing faith. We can’t even have faith for Divine healing, let alone rapturing faith. Got to have a faith that’ll change and quicken this body, and be taken away. I believe there’s a Church on its road tonight, a power of the living God, that men will speak the Word here and there, and it’ll flash like lightning. And a Church is coming out; not a psychologist, not some of this put-on, make-belief; but a real, true, genuine, anointed, Holy Ghost, called-out Church!”

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Questions and Answers on the Holy Ghost

Jeffersonville, IN, 12-19-59

Rev. William M. Branham

261 - “Jesus said, ‘Say to this mountain...’ And you’ve heard the—about what’s been taken place; that’s the ministry that we’re entering into. We’re way up the road now. Soon the Coming of the Lord Jesus. And we’ve got to have rapturing faith

in a Church that can be changed in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye to go out, or we'll not go. But don't worry, it'll be there. It'll be there. And when the power of this church rises, it'll bring its brethren; the power of that church rises, will bring its brethren; the power of that church will bring the other brethren; then there'll be a general resurrection. And we're looking forward to it."

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Why cry? Speak!

Jeffersonville, IN, 7-14-63

Rev. William M. Branham

907 - "...the Rapture is at hand, and we're looking for a rapturing faith that can pull the Church together and give It some supernatural strength, that can change these bodies that we live in. When we see a God that can raise the dead off the floor or out of the yard, and bring him back to life again and present him before us, when we see a God who can take a cancer that's eat a man to a shadow and raise him up to a strong healthy man, that ought to give rapturing faith to the people. That, when that Light flashes from the sky, and the trumpet sounds, the Body of Christ will be quickly gathered together, and changed in a moment and taken into the Heavens."

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Why cry? Speak!

Jeffersonville, IN, 7-14-63

Rev. William M. Branham

910 - "I think, many times, if someone could just bounce into It at once, and wouldn't understand It, or would understand It, rather, and come into It at once, it would almost send you to Eternity, just with such a rapturing thing! And never knowed it, and just, oh, break through the things that we have seen and know and understand..."

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Christ is the mystery of God revealed

Jeffersonville, IN, 7-28-63

Rev. William M. Branham

931 - “The new Birth is Christ, is a revelation. God has revealed to you this great mystery, and that’s a new Birth. Now what are you going to do when you get all that group together? where the revelation is perfectly in harmony, and God expressing it through His Word by the same actions, the same things that He did, making the Word manifest. Oh, if the Church only knew its position! It will, one day. Then, the Rapture will go when it knows what it is.”

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How can I overcome?

Jeffersonville, IN, 8-25-63

Rev. William M. Branham

961 - “(...) Now, the rest of Israel don’t come forth until the general resurrection. And now, at the Coming of the Lord Jesus, those who are really loving His Coming, that’s living for it; when He appears in the sky, the Church that’s dead in Christ shall rise, and those will be changed in a moment. The rest of them will know nothing about it. Remember, “Appeared to those in the city.” See? The—the—the Rapture will be like that. We’ll see each other, and we’ll see them. The rest of the world won’t see them.”

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Look away to Jesus

Jeffersonville, IN, 12-29-63

Rev. William M. Branham

1057 - “(...) And if you’ll think real closely, you who are spiritual. As the Bible said, ‘Here is to him that has wisdom.’ The Third is properly identified. See? We know where it is. So, the Third Pull is here. It is so sacred, that, I mustn’t say

much about it. As He told me in the beginning, said, ‘This, say nothing of it.’ You remember that, years ago? [Congregation says, ‘Amen.’—Ed.] It speaks for itself. See? But you...I’ve tried to explain the others, and I made a mistake. This will be the thing, that, to my opinion...I don’t say the Lord tells me this. This will be a thing that will start the Rapturing faith, for the going away.”

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Rev. William M. Branham

214. Will the dispensation of grace be over, after you open the Seventh Seal?

³⁴⁹ I hope not. No. No. Friends, don’t get that in your mind now, see. You just go right on. Dig the potatoes, and go to church, and right on. If it takes place in the morning, you be found doing just exactly what you’re supposed to be doing. Don’t—don’t start...

³⁵⁰ See, when you do, you twist the very thing away from the—the purpose that it’s intended for. You get little peculiar thoughts, and you get your own ideas about thing. Don’t take your own idea. Just when you sit and listen to things like that, say, “Thank You, Lord. I’m just going to walk a little closer to You.” See? “I’m going to walk...” Don’t quit work and say, “I’ll sell out everything.”

BOOK OF THE SEALS

God hiding Himself in simplicity,... – Pages 55-56

Rev. William M. Branham

³⁷¹ Are you ready? I want to shock you a little bit. The Rapture will be the same way. It’ll be so simple, no doubt it’ll be likewise, till the Rapture will come one of these days and nobody will know nothing about it. Now, don’t, don’t, don’t get up now, but study just a minute. I’m sure enough closing. The Rapture will come in such a simple way till the judgments will

fall, and they'll see the Son of man, and they'll say, "Wasn't we supposed to have such-and-such? And wasn't there supposed to be Elias sent to us? And wasn't there supposed to be a Rapture?"

³⁷² Jesus will say, "It's already happened, and you didn't know it." God in simplicity.

BOOK OF THE SEALS

The First Seal – Pages 125-126

Rev. William M. Branham

¹⁷⁵¹ And I believe that, through those Seven Thunders, will be revealed in the last days in order to get the Bride together for rapturing faith. Because, what we got right now, we—we wouldn't be able to do it. There is something. We've got to step farther. We, we can't have enough faith for Divine healing, hardly. We've got to have enough faith to be changed, in a moment, and be swept up out of this earth. And we'll find that, after a while, the Lord willing, find where It's written.

THE MYSTERY OF THE SEVENTH SEAL

Dr. William Soto Santiago

Wednesday, February 28, 1996

Santiago de Chile, Chile

The faith for the rapture is in the Thunders. And what do the Thunders reveal? They reveal the mystery of the Seventh Seal. And what is the mystery of the Seventh Seal? The Second Coming of Christ as the Lion of the tribe of Judah.

And that is why another Angel was seen other than the seven angel messengers, on February 28, 1963, along with seven angel messengers, the seven angel messengers of the seven ages of the gentile Church; because with him, on Earth, the seven angel messengers of the seven ages will be with him when they resurrect from the dead, with their groups of their respective ages. They will join the group of the Angel that has the Seventh Seal, of that Angel that was presented there and that was different from the others because it was a dispensational Angel

Messenger, where we find that the Angel of the Covenant, the Holy Spirit, would be operating the ministry of the Dispensation of the Kingdom.

BREAKING BARRIERS ON THE ROAD TO THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

Dr. William Soto Santiago

Wednesday, March 5, 1997

(Second activity)

Paraguaçu Paulista, São Paulo, Brazil

The foolish virgins represent professing Christianity, but who don't have the Spirit of God; the lamp and the oil, the lamp with oil is the person having the Holy Spirit. The wise ones had the Holy Spirit. The foolish virgins had not taken oil with them: they are professing Christians but without being born again, without having received the Holy Spirit; therefore they haven't entered the Mystical Body of Christ as part of the elect of God, as part of the wise virgins.

The wise virgins will be taken, they will be taken in the rapture to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, those who are alive; and those who departed in the past, but who belong to the wise virgins, who were born again, will be resurrected in eternal bodies and will also be raptured, and will also go to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

The fatuous or foolish virgins of past ages will not be resurrected until after the Millennial Kingdom, to be judged; and those who are alive and belong to the foolish virgins, that is, those who have believed in Jesus Christ but have not received His Holy Spirit: they will not be taken in the rapture, they will not be raptured, neither will they be transformed, they will go through the great tribulation.

“The one will be taken (the wise virgins), the other will be left (the foolish virgins).”¹ In those two persons that Jesus Christ mentions in the field, in the religious field, in the field

1 Matthew 24:40, Luke 17:36

of Christianity (in the same field of Christianity, in the same Christian religion), the one will be taken and the other will be left.

TEACHERS AND CHILDREN WITH AND IN THE FORMER AND LATTER RAIN

Dr. William Soto Santiago

Saturday, August 4, 2001

Mexico City, Mexico

Many people can stand up and say: “We have the books of the prophets of the Old Testament, we have the Gospels of the New Testament, we have the letters of the apostles.” And even many may also say: “We have the messages of the seven angel messengers, we have the messages of Reverend William Branham, what more do we want?”

To receive the faith for the rapture, which comes in the Thunders, well, what the elect need is what? The instrument pertaining to the Last Day, to which that revelation of the Seven Thunders comes; because all revelation has to come through a prophet.

Many may say: “No, we have computers, and we have all the advances; now it is easy, now anyone can discover all this and anyone can do all these things.” Well, it is not like that. Before God He still has the older form, but which is the eternal form established by God, which doesn’t fail: a man with the two consciousnesses together; whether he has a computer or not, the revelation comes to him.

So, “it is not by armies, it is not by sword, it is not by might, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord.”²

So God has everything stored up, and from there comes the messenger that He has in every age, and so he has to come in our time also. Other people may fight; but that is like when mosquitoes or something come to bother you, you swat them away, they try to bother you, but you don’t pay any attention

sometimes; you keep going forward, because you can't stop. The group of the elect of the Last Day can't stop.

Let many come saying that they have the revelation, and they are not interested in what God is giving us, let them continue with their revelation. We continue forward, because we are going to be transformed, and we need the Latter Rain of the teaching of the Second Coming of Christ, the Latter Rain of divine revelation for our time.