

The Five Raptures in the Bible

**From The Sermons Of
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THE TWO WITNESSES...



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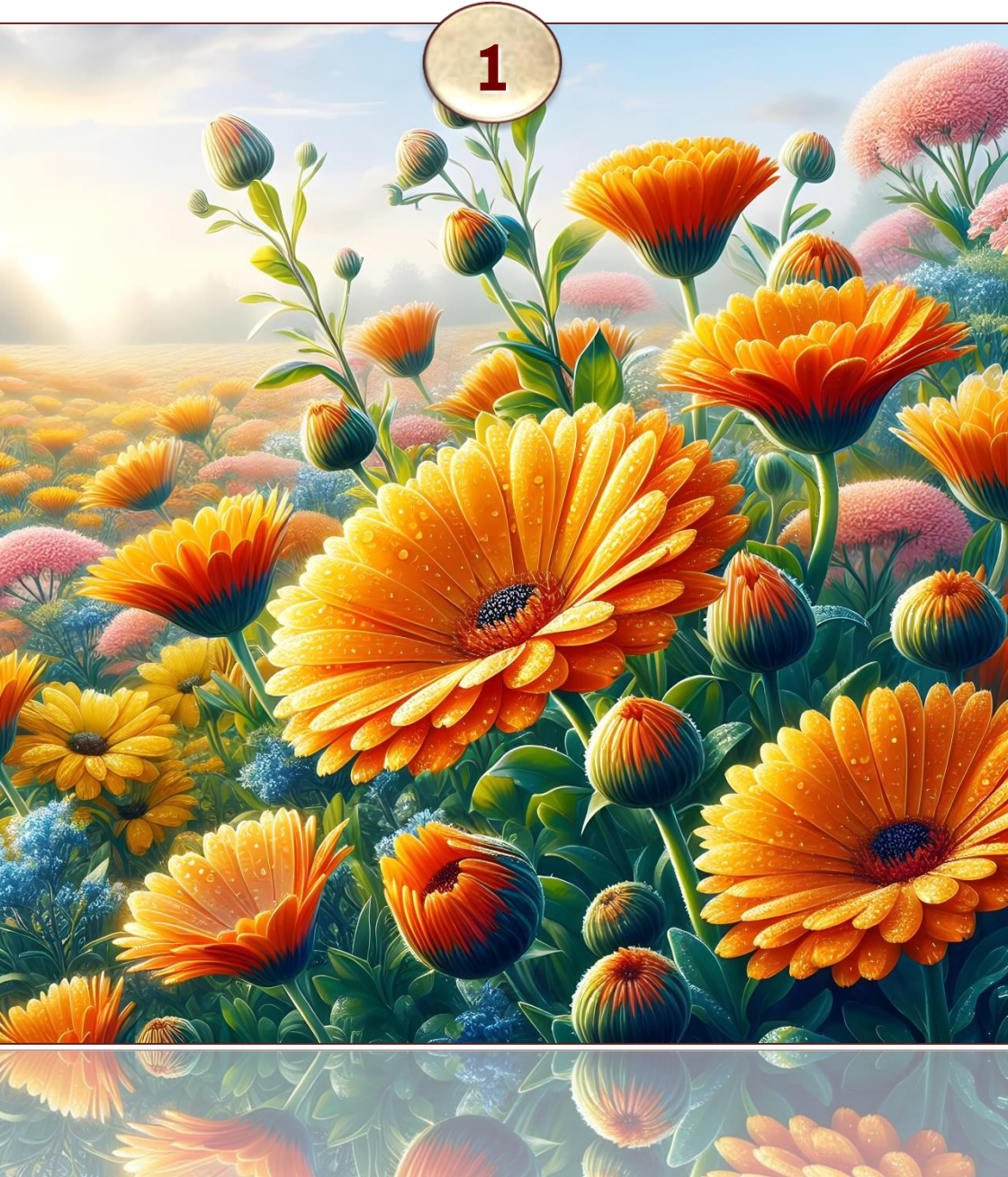
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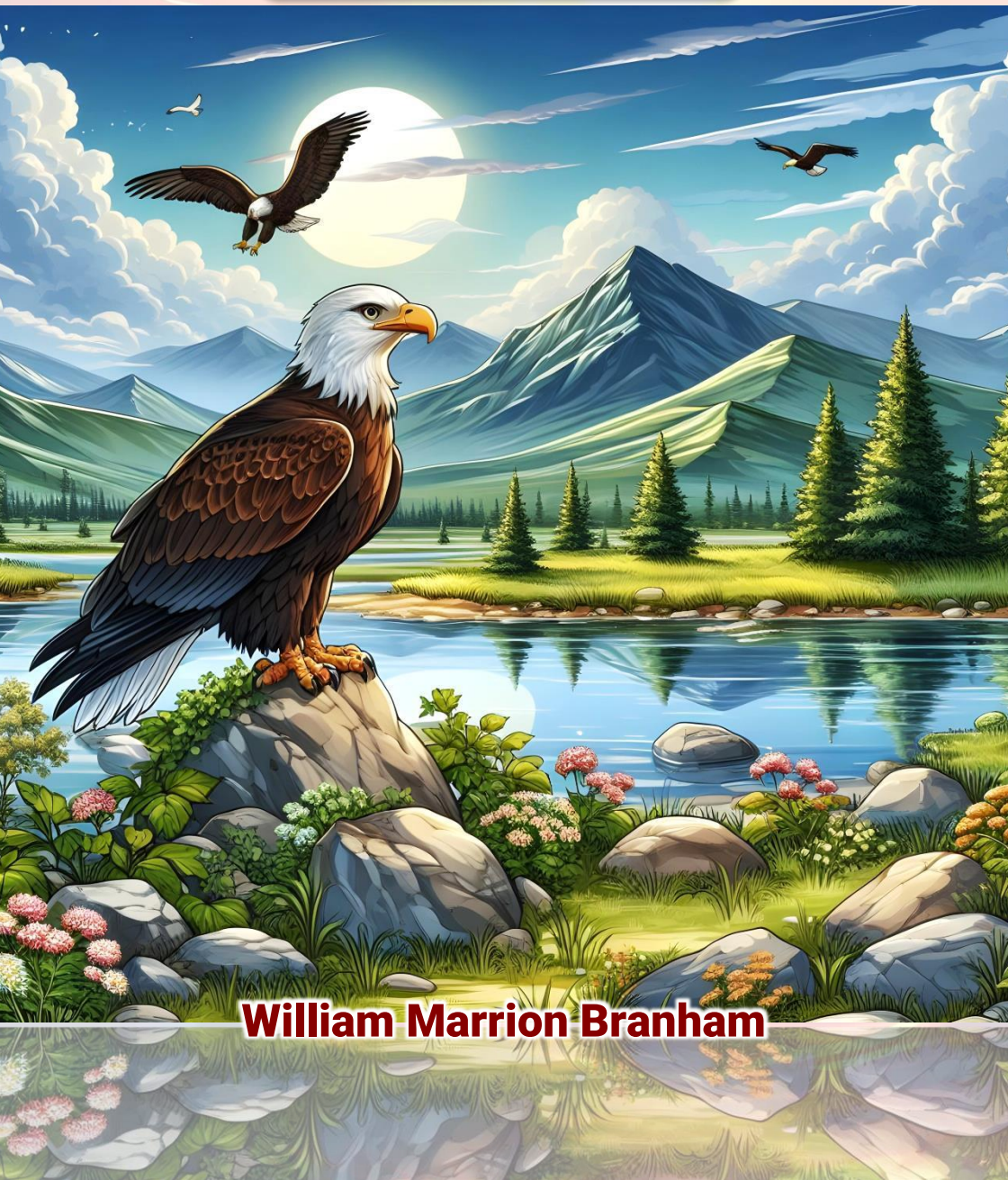
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(Rev. 11:3-12)

Enoch

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Enoch



William Marrion Branham

*Title: 61-1001M — It Becometh Us
To Fulfil All Righteousness*

125 It is becoming to every Christian to stand by the Word. Exactly right. Stand by God's Word! Heavens and earth will pass away, you will pass away, I'll pass away, churches will pass away, organizations will pass away. But God's Word shall never pass away! Be faithful, faithful pilgrim!

126 In the days of Enoch, just before the flood, when Enoch looked out there and saw Noah building away on that ark. Enoch was a prophet. Enoch knew that he was a type. And he knew, that before the floods came, that he had to give an example, so one afternoon it was becoming to him to take a walk. It was becoming that he'd take this walk with God. And, somehow, that day he changed his path. Instead of going around the side of the hill, he took the King's Highway, and

he just kept on walking. “And they found him not, because he was not,” but he’d walked on up the King’s Highway!

127 O God, let me be like Enoch! When the hour comes that I must take the path, let me find the King’s Highway!

128 I can see Enoch. As he knowed it was becoming to him, for he was a prophet, and he knew what was going to happen. So, I can see him kiss his wife good-bye, and say, “Darling, I’ll

see you later.” Take up his children, and kiss them good-bye; and go down to his married son and his married daughter, and kiss them good-bye.

129 They say, “Where you going, father? Are you going out for a little walk?”

“Yes, going for a stroll.”

130 But he never took the old, familiar path that day. He took the King’s Highway, and he went on to Glory. It was becoming to him to do so. He didn’t want to

leave, but yet it was becoming to him that he fulfilled all righteousness. Because, he was a type of the Church today. He was a type of the Church that's going to take an afternoon stroll, one of these afternoons. We're going to strike the King's Highway, and away we'll go!

131 Yeah, it was becoming to Noah, it was becoming to Enoch, that they fulfil all righteousness.



Elijah

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Elijah



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*Title: 62-0908 — Present Stage Of
My Ministry*

Elijah, that poor old broke down prophet laying out there in the wilderness, and had to be fed by what the birds would bring him.

And his little old skinny drawed up, brown-looking body, little cruse of oil hanging on his side, his whiskers all out, and

head probably bald and sunburned, crippling, going down on a stick like *this*, but down beneath that little old heart beat the Spirit of God.

When God seen His little old tired servant getting down to the end, everybody forsaking him, and everything else, did He let him down?

He sent a chariot down, picked up His tired servant, “You don’t even have to walk up like

Enoch did, I'll just take you home in a chariot." That's right.

He crowned his ministry with a chariot ride home. That's not so bad, you know. Yeah.

Yes, he didn't have to walk home, He just sent a chariot and picked him up 'cause he was tired. I like that. Amen. Poor, little, old tired servant, He picked him up and took him Home.

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*Title: 58-1005E — God-Called
Man*

59 Elijah was getting old, and he knew it wouldn't be long till he would have to leave the world. And God had found a man that was an honest man, that was a good man. His name was Elisha. Now, if you'll notice, one of them's name is Elijah and the other one is Elisha.

60 Now, he never went down into the forms, and so forth, and went and found in the schools of theology, and up in the great high schools of those days. What did he do? He went out into the field and found a man plowing with twelve yoke of ox. What? Elisha, the one was plowing, knowed how to appreciate a straight row. And he knowed if he turned to look back, he'd wiggle off the road. And God knowed that a man that knowed

how to plow a straight furrow, knowed not to put his hands on the plow and even turn to look back. He never waited till he got his education, wiggled along the road. He just kill the ox and made a sacrifice, and took off with Elijah, as soon as that mantle went over him. He was ready, willing. God knowed He could make him able.

61 Now, God has got to give him some training. He had been training how to keep his eyes on

the furrow, with twelve yoke of ox, and one man plowing with them. He taught him some patience, and how to be patient, and train those ox to walk straight in the line.

62 He had to train some men, afterwards; keep them on the Bible, on the Word, lined up with God, stay straight in the line.

63 And, then, even God had to school him a little bit. He said, "Now you tarry here, for I'm

going over to—to Gilgal. The Lord has called me.”

64 And the prophet, after he had felt that Power upon him, that robe of Elijah, he said, “As the Lord liveth, and your soul liveth, I’ll not leave you.”

65 Went on to Gilgal, which is the—the place of Christian confession and baptism. And then he said, “Just stay here now. This is good enough. You’ve made confession and baptism. This is good enough.

I'm going up to *Bethel*," which means, "the house of God."

66 Now, that would be all right for a many professor. "Oh, I've just come into the church and got fellowship. Why not just stay right here?"

67 But, listen, Elisha couldn't think that way. He had already felt the Power of God. He knowed there was more for him. So he said, "As the Lord liveth, and your soul liveth, I'll not leave you." Oh, how I like that!

68 And he went up to the, Bethel, to the house of God, and there he found a bunch of scholars. They were all well-trained preachers, and they walked around and told him, said, “Sir, do you know what? You’re on the little end of the stick. Did you know Elijah is going to be taken away from you? He’s too old. He can’t live very long. Elijah is going to be taken, and you’re going to be standing out there as a fanatic.”

69 Let me tell you something now. A man that's ever tasted God, will not be willing, or, cannot quench his thirst at a man-made cistern. He can't do it. There, all their theology that they had there at the school of the prophets, would not quench the thirst of that man of God, who had had a taste of God.

70 And they kept persuading him, "Oh, you should stay here. And, why, in six weeks we could give you your Ph.D. And, you

know, it wouldn't be very long, till you take about four years of training here, and we could give you the right to preach. You know, if you proved out to be all right, we'd sent you out in our denomination." That won't satisfy a man of God. "We'll train you to be a minister, if you'll just stay with us about four or five years here."

71 He didn't have time for that kind of stuff. He was on his way to that Fountain. He had done

come above that. He had done
had a taste of Heaven in his soul.

72 And he said, “Do you know
your head is going to be taken
away?”

73 And listen to what he said.
“Yes, I know it. But hold your
peace.” In other words, “Save
your breath. Don’t try to tell me
about it. Don’t try to tell me what
I’m doing. I know where I’m
going and what I’m after.”

74 God, give us men like that, God-trained men who knows not to wiggle off on *this* and wiggle off on *that*.

75 “I know where I’m going. And don’t speak to me about it. Just hold your breath. Don’t try to discourage me, ’cause it isn’t going to do any good.”

76 Oh, if the people that’s prayed for would just have that much courage!

77 “Oh, the days of miracles is past. That wasn’t real. You watch, you’ll get sick again.”

78 “Just hold your breath. Don’t tell me nothing about it. I’m moving on. The revival is coming. God has promised it.” Oh, you sons of God, move out into that sphere yonder, fearless. Fearless! Take God at His Word.

79 “I know he—he is going to be taken away. But that isn’t what I’m...You haven’t got nothing here to interest me. All your

degrees and Ph.D.'s, and Bachelor of Art, and all this stuff, doesn't satisfy me. Just hold your breath."

"Well, you're going to crack up out there."

80 "Well, if I crack up, let me crack up. I'm on my road." On, he was going.

"You can't make it go over."

81 "I know I can't make it go over, but God is going to take me over," he said.

“Well, Elisha is going to Jordan.”

“I’m going with him.”

God requires Jordan in every life.

82 So, Elisha come around. Said, “Now, Elisha...” Elijah said to Elisha, “You’re just a young man,” perhaps something like this, “and really you haven’t had any schooling.” The old prophet was trying to try him out. He said, “You’re just a young man. You

haven't had much schooling. Why, you don't...It's, really, you haven't had a grammar school education. Only thing you know to do is how to plow. So you had better stay here, and may get your Bachelor of Art. See? You better stay and get your degree."

83 But not Elisha, not that man who had once touched God, felt that Power of the anointing upon him. He said, "As the Lord lives, and your soul never dies, I'll not leave you." He had a

purpose. He saw the vision. He know what was going to take place.

84 And they both went down to Jordan. *Jordan* means “death.” There they stand, the old man and the young man. It really represents Christ and His Church. And there they stood, by the Jordan. There she is, coming down out of the Judaeian hills, the great riffles a roaring like that. And Elisha, with his gray hair hanging down his back, and

his dimmed old eyes looking across Jordan...And the young man watching every move that he made. One, the young man, was waiting for a vision, to carry out the will of God. The other one was going Home. They was both at Jordan. Elisha, to him...He's going Home.

85 Elisha had had a bitter life. That woman preacher down there had give him a rough way to go, Jezebel and Ahab. And the stones and all that he had went

through! Elisha was getting tired. And he knowed that he had fought a good fight, and he had finished the course. Just across Jordan his retirement laid.

But Elisha was watching for that Spirit was on him.

86 So, if you notice, every believer, when you come to a place where you have to sell out, you'll feel the cold waves of Jordan lapping at your feet. Are you going across, or are you

not? *Jordan* is “separation,” separating.

87 And standing back on the hill was these preachers, yet, hollering to Elisha, “You better not go over. You’re going to go overboard.” You hear them, the remarks, yet, today.

88 Well, Elisha said, “If God is God, and that’s His prophet, I’ve got to take his place, and I need his spirit to do it with, I don’t need their school. If their school would have done it, they would

be taking his place. But God called me to do it, and I need his spirit.”

89 If the schools of the churches would have took the place, and the Power that Jesus offered, they would have took it, years ago; Methodist, Baptist, Catholic, Presbyterian. But it'll never do it.

90 Takes the Spirit of Jesus Christ! And you'll cross Jordan, of every denomination behind it,

everything else, and stand alone with God.

91 So, he stood with him at Jordan. Elisha looking up there, knowing, somewhere across there, God would meet him. And he took off his robe, and he looked around to the young man. And he smote the Jordan. And when he did, the Jordan opened up. And they walked over, on dry land.

92 See, the Jordan ain't so bad, after all, if there is

Something with you to open up the way.

93 Oh, when they hit the other side! Hooked to every bush was a horse and a chariot. The King of kings had sent an escort to bring Elijah up Home. It was all over, for Elijah. He had had enough of it, about eighty-something years, of fussing with them people down there, and having be...go through hungers and strifes, and everything else.

He was ready to go Home. And he looked around to Elisha.

94 And Elisha wanted to see a vision. Oh, he had all the schooling, back there he could have stopped at. They wasn't getting nowhere. God was going to train him His own way. So when he looked over there, looked, all—all them bushes hooked around there, these chariots of Fire and horses of Fire, it done something to Elisha. He saw a vision. Yes, brother!

95 And when God taken Elijah up, he came back with a double portion of his Spirit. He was ready for the revival then.

96 Notice the man then, being just a plowboy before. God made his name immortal. All the prophets that stood around, watching him, had to bow to his feet because he had the Power of God upon him.

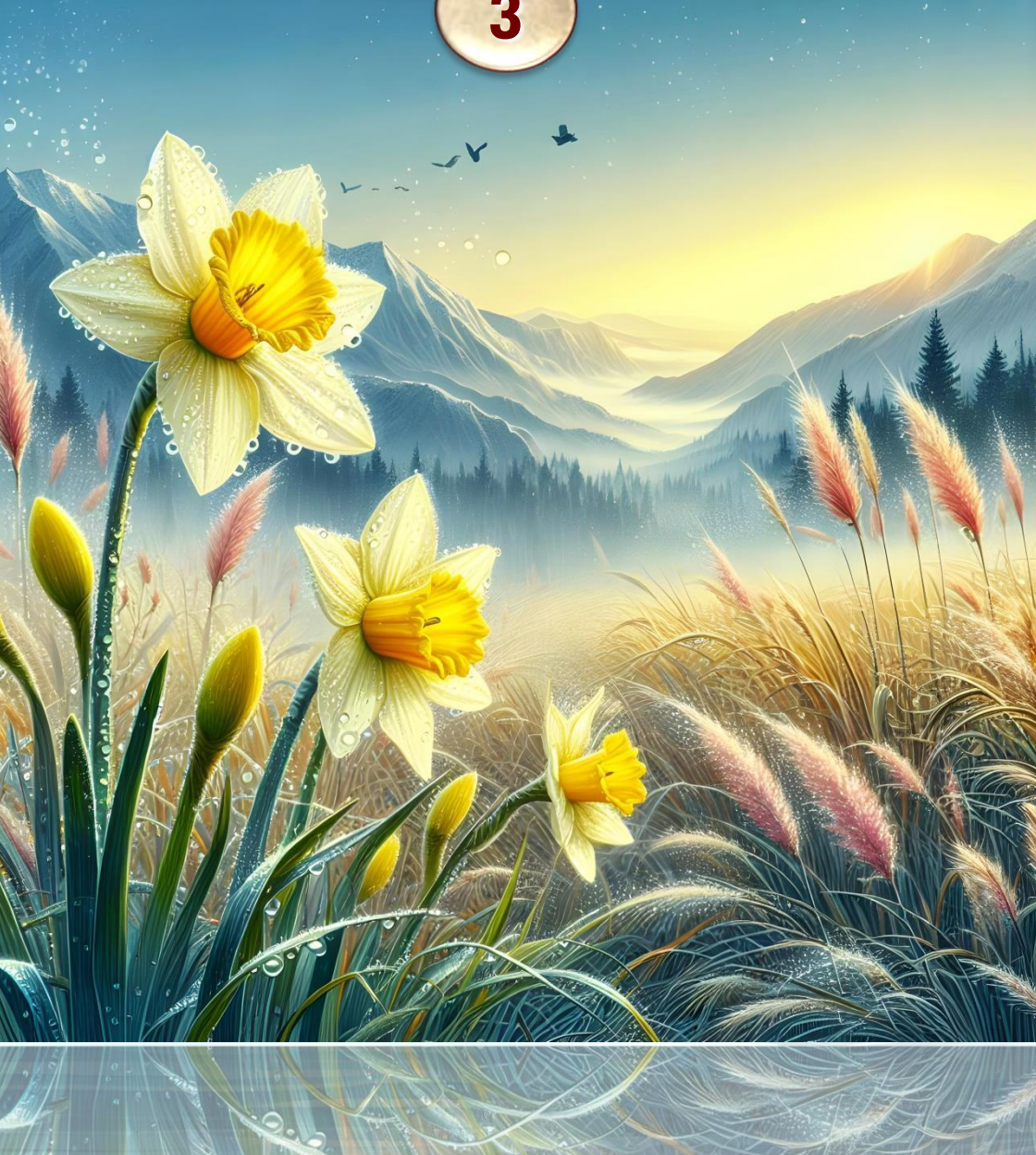
97 There is coming an hour when God shall make the world bow at the feet of men and

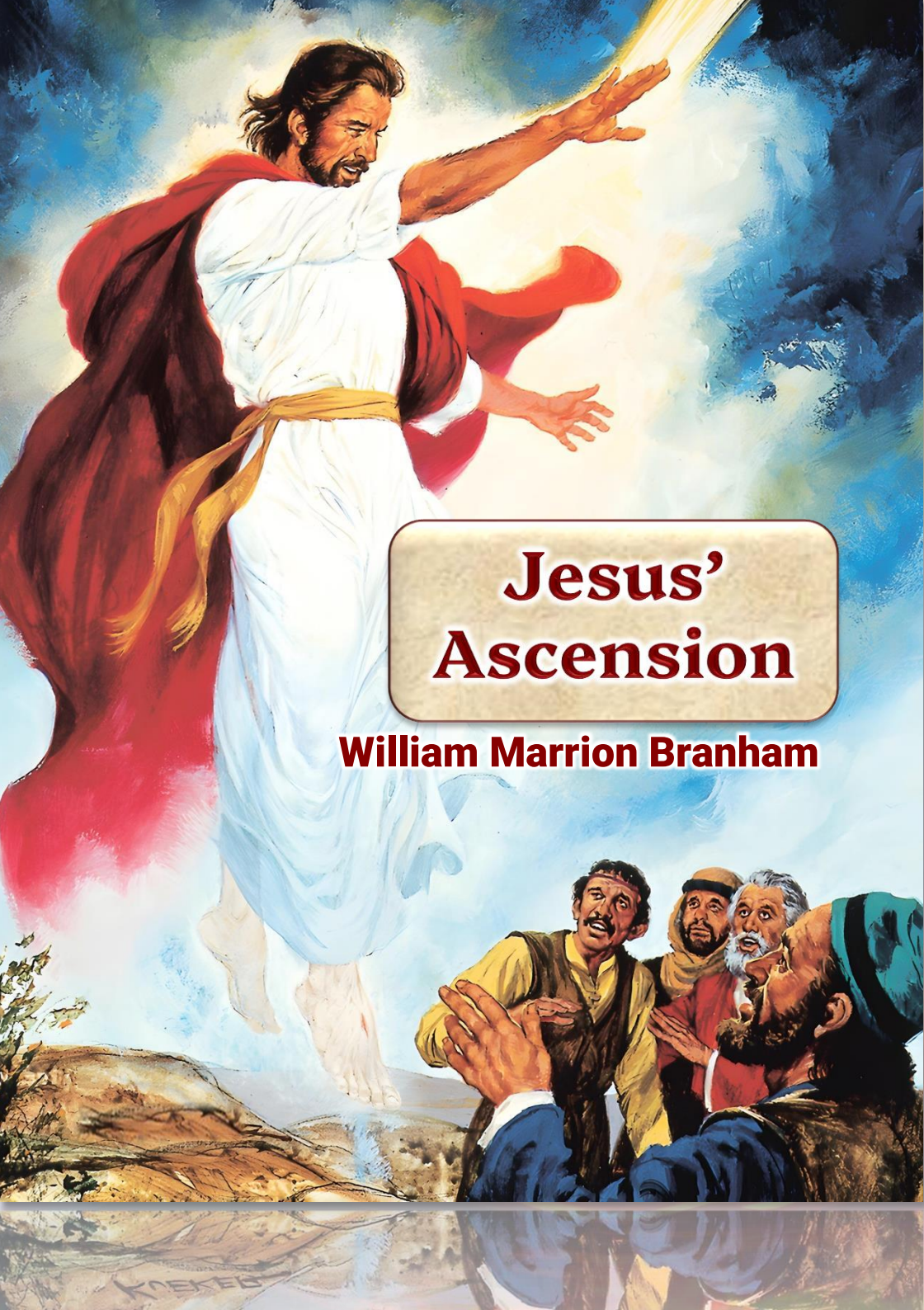
women who has plunged through
and crossed Jordan, and
separated them thing...selves,
from the things of the world.
Brother and sister, tonight,
whatever you do, whatever you
think, you cross Jordan with God.
Go on over and separate, leave
the world behind. Let God train
you for His own service. We are
living in a day before this revival,
but God is searching out, trying
to find hearts.



Jesus' Ascension

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William Marrion Branham

Title: 57-0420 — The Entombment

69 Now what happened to Him? Where did He go when He left the cross and went in Joseph of Arimathaea's tomb?

70 He was so poor He had not a place to lay His head. He was born in a manger, with a black name behind Him, as “an illegitimate child.” He was laughed at, made fun of, scoffed at, in the earth. He was made fun

of, and rejected. And when He died, He had to die through capital punishment, between two thieves. And did not even have a place to bury Him, and He was buried in another man's grave. The very God of Heaven coming to earth! Who do we think we are, that have to go through a little bit of suffering? What He did for us! Think of it, friend, study of it.

71 The Roman soldier said,
“Truly, that's the Son of God.”

The sinner had to recognize it. Judas said, “I have betrayed innocent Blood.” He had to recognize it. The whole earth recognized it.

72 Then where did He go? When a man dies, does that finish it? No, sir. He had to die that way because God’s Bible said that He would die that way. And He trusted God’s Word. That’s the reason He could say, in His life, “Destroy this temple, and I’ll raise it up in three days.”

73 For David said, one place, only, in the Bible, under the inspiration, when David, the man of God, the prophet that was anointed with the Word, said, “I’ll not suffer My Holy One to see corruption, neither will I leave His soul in hell.”

74 Jesus said, “You destroy this body, and I’ll raise it up in three days.” He knowed that God’s Word could not fail. Oh, my!

75 If He could rest solemnly upon that, believing that God's Word could not fail, how much more can we rest as solemnly that we have been borned again by the Holy Ghost, and It a witness in our heart right now that we know that our Redeemer lives and will come again someday. Rest assure that those that are in Christ will God bring with Him! Now notice.

76 There He was. He knew that not one cell of that body

would corrupt. Seventy-two hours, corruption sets in. That's the reason He never stayed the three days. He died on Friday afternoon, was up Sunday morning. But, it was within them three days. Within those three days He was to rise again, because He trusted God's Word.

77 Here He goes! Where did He leave when He left? The Bible said, "He ascended. He went and preached to the souls that were in prison, that repented not in the

longsuffering of the days of Noah.” His soul, His Spirit, His theophany of His Own being, went down. Let’s follow Him. Would you like, tonight, to follow Him a few minutes? Let’s see where He went.

78 Just below the regions of mortal beings lays the realm of demon power; below that...just above that lays the souls of the unjust; below it lays the very domain of Satan, hell. Then just above us lays the Holy Spirit;

then under the Altar lays the souls of the just men; the next is God Himself. One going downward, one going upward; the two spirits are here on earth, influencing the people of this earth.

79 And when Jesus died, He goes up, down there. I can see Him on that Friday afternoon, after His death, [Brother Branham knocks on the pulpit—Ed.] knock on the door of the regions of the lost. Let's follow

Him a minute. The door opens. There was women, there was men, there were young ladies, there were old, they were all together in that hideous place called the prison of the lost souls.

80 If I had time, I'd like to tell you. And it might be just a vision. But one time I visited that place, and screamed for mercy, when I was a sinner going under an operation. When I come out, I was standing in the West, with my hands up towards the

Heaven, and a cross shining on me.

81 But in that mournful place there, Jesus walked to the door. Everything had to witness that He was the Son of God, because they had been preached to in the longsuffering of the days of Noah. Knocks at the door, He said, “I am He Who Enoch spoke of. I am the Seed of the woman, that was to bruise the serpent’s head. Every Word of God has been fulfilled; I’ve just died

yonder at Calvary, and I have purchased My Church. And the One that Enoch spoke of, I am He.” And they was without mercy, without hope, because they had transgressed. And the door was shut in their face.

82 On down into the regions of demons! On down to the very gates of hell! He knocks at the door. [Brother Branham knocks on the pulpit—Ed.]

83 This is when He was in the tomb, His body is, waiting the

resurrection. He visited the places that the just and unjust goes; where you will go one of these days, to one or the other places.

84 And He knocks at the door of hell. [Brother Branham knocked on the pulpit—Ed.] And, when He did, the devil come out. And I can just hear him say, “Oh, so finally You arrived. I sure thought I had You when I killed Abel.”

85 You see, when that Seed was promised in the garden of Eden, the devil has constantly tried to destroy that Seed. And the death of Abel, and the coming of Seth, was just a death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. That Seed must continue. And he tried to destroy It.

86 He said, "I thought I had You when I destroyed Abel. I thought I had You when I destroyed the prophets. I was positive I had You when I

beheaded John. But now, after all, You've arrived. I've got You now." Oh, my!

87 I can hear Him say, "Satan, come here!" He is Boss now. Reaches over, grabs that key of death and hell off his side, hung it on His Own side. "I want to serve notice on you. You've been a bluff long enough. I am the virgin-born Son of the living God. My Blood is still wet on the cross, and the full debt is paid! You have no rights no more. You are

stripped. Give Me those keys!” That’s right. Turns around and gives him a good healthy kick, and slams the door together, and say, “Stay in there! I’m Boss from now on.”

88 Now, He didn’t have the keys to the Kingdom, ’cause He give them to Peter; we get all that in the morning, in water baptism. But he had the keys to death and hell, and He took them; after His resurrection, He said, “I got the keys of death and hell.” Peter

had the keys of the Kingdom. Satan had the keys of death and hell; but now Jesus has got them, He's Boss.

89 Here He starts up. It's getting Easter; time is passing fast. But there is another group. Where is Job? Where is Abraham? Where are they at? Where is those fellows that trusted God's Word? Has He forgotten them? Did death annihilate them? Was that all of

it? Never, never; God has to keep His Word.

90 I can see Him. Let's take a little peep into Paradise, and look over there. And I see Sarah and Abraham walking around there, and after a while [Brother Branham knocks—Ed.] something on the door. Abraham goes and opens the door, said, "Honey, come here. Look here! Look here, that's the very same One that stood with me under

the oak that day.” He is Abraham’s God.

91 Just then I can see Daniel look over his shoulder, and say, “That’s the Rock that was hewed out of the mountain, just as certain as I am standing here.”

92 I see Job raise up, said, “That’s my Redeemer that I said I knew that lived, and someday He would stand upon the earth. My body may not be but a little spoonful of ashes, but in fifteen

minutes from now I'll be in it again. That's Him."

93 Ezekiel looks over the top, and said, "I seen that same Person as a Wheel in the middle of the Wheel, turning, way up in the middle of the air." Oh, my!

94 Then up comes Enoch. Enoch said, "I saw Him coming with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment."

95 There was the Old Testament saints waiting, sure they was, under the atonement

of blood. They could not go in the Presence of the God, God of Heaven, because goat and sheep blood could not take away sin.

96 But He said, “My brethren, I am the One that you think I am. I am the Seed of the woman. I am the Son of David. I am the Son of God. I am the virgin-born One. My Blood has atoned for it. You waited under the blood of sheep and goats, but now My Blood atones, and you’re free. Let’s go up, it’s getting almost

Easter.” Just think, that was just about nineteen hundred and something years ago, tonight.

97 I can hear Abraham say, “Lord, when we get up in our body again; and Sarah and I just loved it so well; do You mind if we make a little whistle stop, kind of, on Your road?”

98 Well, I can hear Him say, “Why, no, certainly not. I’m going to stay with My disciples for about forty days. Look around and see how everything looks!”

99 On that glorious Easter morning (where we'll take up in the morning, the Lord willing) when He rose from the dead, the Bible said, according to Saint Matthew 27, that "Many of the saints that slept in the dust of the earth, rose and come out of the graves." Who was it? Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Job, those who by spiritual revealed revelation knowed that the Redeemer would stand on the earth someday. That's them, the first fruits of those that slept. There

they walked in the city. I can see Sarah and Abraham, young, and full of...and handsome, and—and full of life, never to be old no more, never to be sick no more, never to hunger no more, walking around in their body.

100 Caiaphas standing there, saying, “You know what? There was something happened the other day, just look at this mess this temple is in! There is...We’re going to have to get someone to sew that curtain up. Look at

those, sacrifice box turned over. What happened? Was that Guy an astrologer? Was He a witch? Or, what happened? Say! Come here, Josephus, who is that young couple standing there?"

Abraham said, "Sarah, we're recognized. We better get out."

101 "Appeared to many!" That wasn't all of it. In closing, watch. One day when after He had...they had visit; Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all of them had

visit the homeland. When Jesus ascended up...

102 You say, “Brother Branham, is that mythical?” No, sir! I’ll show you in the Scriptures, in a minute.

103 When He begin to go up, they only seen Him, but the Old Testament saints went with Him, for the Bible said that “He led captivity captive, and give gifts unto men.” And I can see Him as He goes up, and joins with His church.

104 Two Angels out of the band that were playing the music, come back there, and said, “Ye men of Galilee, why stand you looking up? For this same Jesus, that was taken up, is coming again.” Certainly! They hurried back to join the procession.

105 And down through the skies Jesus and the Old Testament saints went. They passed the moon, they passed the sun, they passed the stars.

And when they got in sight of that great, beautiful white Heavens, the Old Testament saints screamed out, quoting Scripture, “Lift up, ye everlasting gates, and be ye lifted up! Lift up, ye everlasting gates, and be ye lifted up! And let the King of Glory come in!”

106 All the Angels gathered up on the top of the banisters of Heaven, and said, “Who is this King of Glory?”

107 The Old Testament saints said, “The Lord of hosts, mighty in battle! He was a Conqueror!”

108 The Angel pressed the big button, and the pearly gates swung open.

109 Right down through the City of Jerusalem come the great Mighty Conqueror, bringing the Old Testament saints. The Angelic bands a-playing, as the Angels a-shouting. He was the Mighty Conqueror! He had the keys of death and hell hanging

on His side, going right down a-past the palaces of Glory till He got to the Throne. And He said, "Father, here they are. They believed, in faith on Your Word, that I would come someday. I have conquered both death and hell." What was it, brother? He had the scars in His hand, to show that He had been in the battle. Glory to God in the Highest! He is that Mighty Conqueror! "Here they are, Father; Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."

110 I can hear Him say, “Son, climb up here by My side, and sit down until I make every enemy Your footstool.” Brother, someday He will come again, and what a day it will be!

111 He wasn't idle when He was in the tomb. We think He was just laying there, dead. But He was down still conquering, He went down and took the keys away from Satan, He's got the keys of both death and hell,

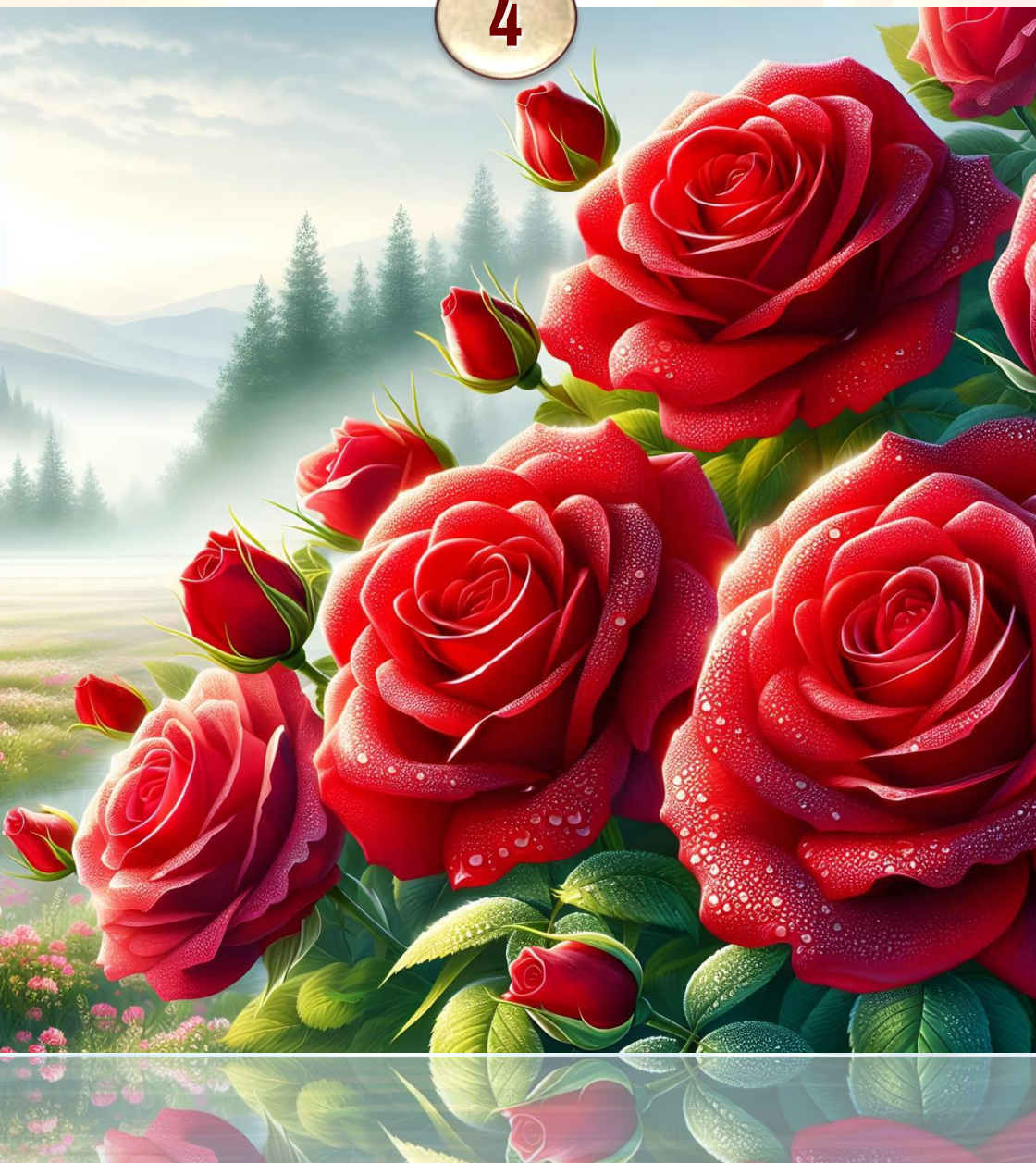
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tonight. He said, “Because I live,
you can live, also.”



Church Age Saints

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**What a day of rejoicing that
will be!**



William Marrion Branham

*Title: 60-1211M — The Ten
Virgins, And The Hundred And
Forty-Four Thousand Jews*

There'll be some of you sitting
at a table, one of these mornings,
one will be taken, the other left.

You'll finally wonder, "What's
the matter?"

Be riding right along in a car,
talking to somebody, wife or
hubby sitting at the seat; they

won't answer, they won't be there.

You'll run to the graveyard, there'll be some graves open, the other ones still closed, "For the rest of the dead lived not for the space of a thousand years." Just remember, it's over then!

135 It'll be a secret coming, no one will know when it's going to happen.

We're commanded to be ready and watching.

We don't know what hour.

But, whatever it is, we'll not prevent any of these back in *here*; for, just as soon as Jesus appears, the whole watch rises. Dead or alive, doesn't matter!

136 We don't—we don't meet Him first, we meet one another first.

The Bible said, Ephesians, 5th chapter, It said, “For we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord, down here,

shall not prevent or hinder those which are asleep.”

Them precious ones that sealed their blood...sealed their testimony with their blood.

“Not prevent or hinder those that are asleep, for the trumpet will sound.”

Something will take place, “the Gospel *something* will sound,” the announcing of His coming.

“And the dead in Christ shall rise first. And we which are alive and remain shall be changed.”

Standing, and feel a change come on: the gray hair go out, the wrinkles fall away, be changed in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye.

And we shall meet our loved ones first: “There’s Mama, Papa, there’s my buddy. Oh, Hallelujah, we’re ready! And then, together with them that were dead,” says the Scripture, “we’ll be caught

up in the air to meet the Lord.”
The order of the Coming.

137 Oh, to see that old daddy
of mine! Oh, my! See them old
loved ones that’s went down in
the Faith yonder, to meet them.

See the sweetness of God,
knowing if we met Him first we’d
wonder, “Was Mama in it? Did—
did Mama finally make it? We’ve
preached so hard, we—we tried.
Was she here? Is Uncle Joe
here? Is—is the brother here? Is
So-and-so?” See? “Lord, we

love You, we love You, but...”
First we’re going to meet one
another! Oh—oh—oh! No
wondering about it, we’re all
there.

138 No wonder they stood
and said, “Amen, glory, and
wisdom, and honour, and power,
and might.”

139 The twenty and four
elders took off their crowns and
fell on the ground like that, all of
them lay down on the ground
and worship Him.

140 One of these days we'll stand out beyond the earth, yonder, the ring of the earth, out yonder somewhere in space; and we won't be in Heaven yet, we'll be caught up to meet Him in the air.

141 When Rebekah decided, quick, deciding that she would go with Eliezer upon the camel to meet Jacob...or meet Isaac which was her to-be husband, she had never seen him, know that God was leading her.

Jacob's son, or...Isaac was on his way out into the field at the cool of the evening. Remember, it was in the evening time. And Rebekah riding on the camel. Eliezer said, "There he comes now." And Rebekah jumped off the camel, pulled the veil from her face. She had never seen him. Didn't know...That was her husband, but she had never seen him. She was going to meet him by faith. (I don't know what He looks like, but, oh, when I see Him!) Out there when she seen

him, it was love at the first sight. And he had never seen her, so he seen her, love at the first sight. And here they come to meet one another in the fields. And he took her in to be his father's kingdom over here and married her.

142 That's the way the Church will be caught up in the air, in the middle of the air, and meet the Lord on His road down. Oh, what an affair it will be, love at the first sight! And when we

stand there upon the rings of this earth and sing them songs of redemption, oh, my! How we'll sing and praise Him for our...the redeeming grace that He's give us. When Angels will cover the sides of the—the circle of the earth with bowed heads, not knowing what we're talking about. Them Angels wasn't lost, they won't know what it means to be saved. We was the ones who was lost, we were the one. We'll understand then what a horrible thing laid ahead of us, and He

redeemed us by His Blood, out of every kindred, tongue, and nation. What a day of rejoicing that will be!

143 I like that song, said:

There's going to be a meeting
in the air,

In the sweet, sweet by and by;

I'm going to meet you and
greet you over there

In that home beyond the sky;

Such singing ever heard, ever
heard by mortal ears,

It'll be glorious, I do declare!

When God's Own Son, He'll
be the leading One

At that meeting in the air.
(Oh!)

You heard of little Moses in
the bulrush,

You have heard of fearless
David and his sling;

You heard the story told of
dreaming Joseph,

And of Daniel and the lions we
often sing.

Oh, but there's many, many
others in the Bible,

And I long to meet them all, I
do declare! (That's right!)

And what a joy it'll be when
we meet them

At that meeting in the air.
(Waiting for that day!)



The Two Witnesses

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Two Witnesses



THE TWO WITNESSES...



Revelation 11:3-13

3. And I will give *power* unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

4. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

5. And if any *man* will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their

mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any *man* will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

6. These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

7. And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the

bottomless *pit* shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

8. And their dead bodies *shall lie* in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

9. And *they* of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and a half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

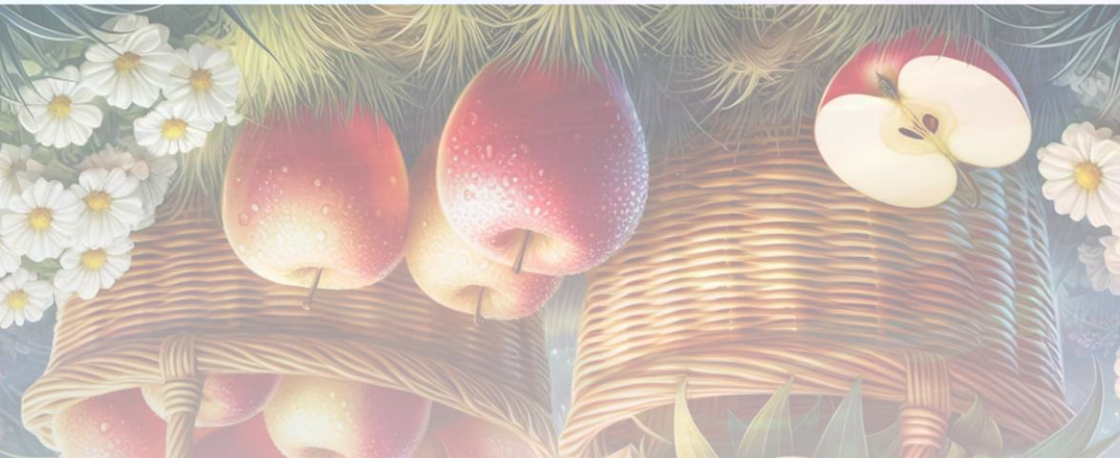
10. And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

11. And after three days and a half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

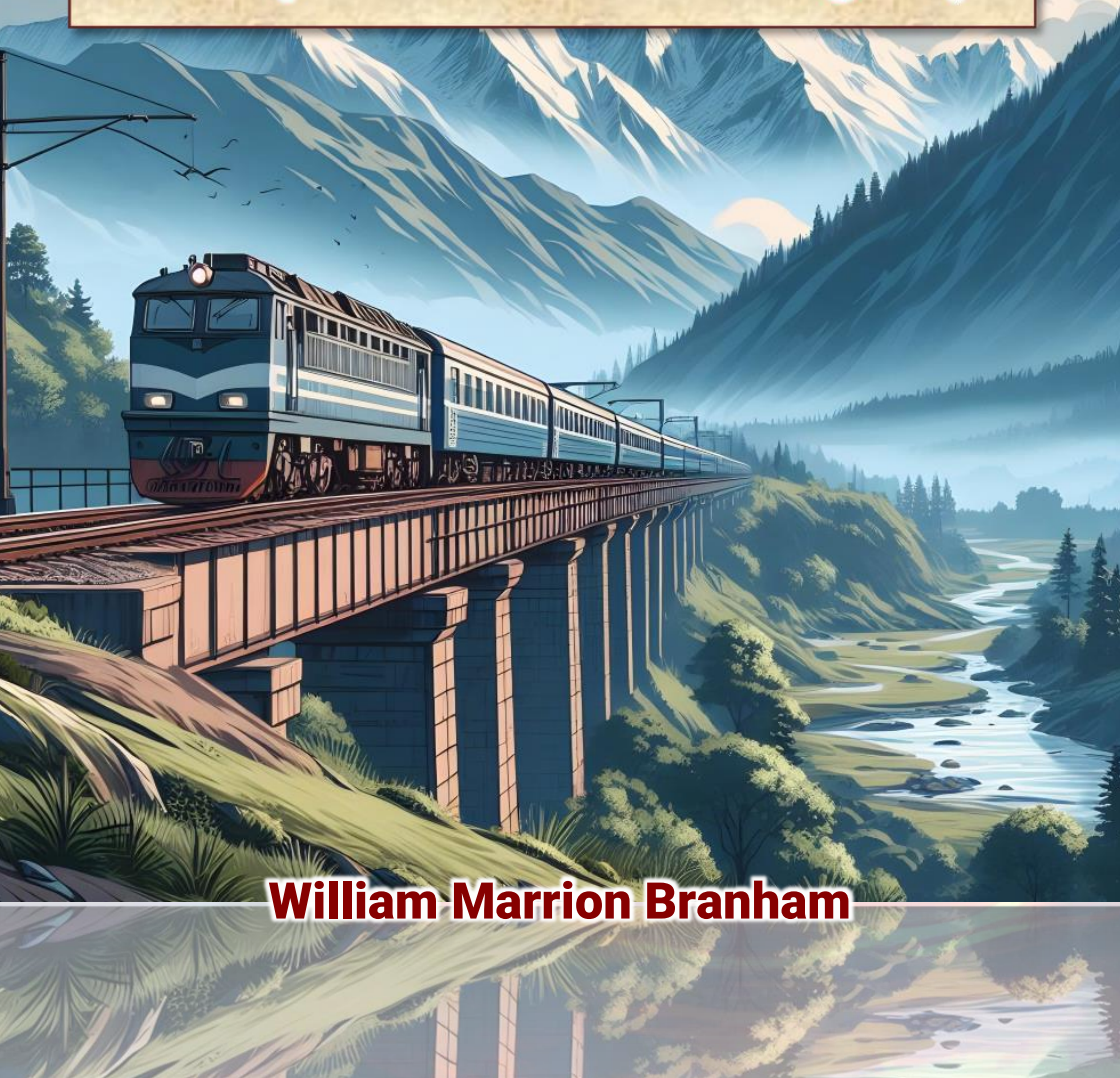
12. And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto

them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

13. And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth *part* of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.



*And when they do that, after
three days, laying dead, the
Spirit of Life will come into
those two prophets and they'll
rise up and ascend into Glory.*



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*Title: 60-1211M — The Ten
Virgins, And The Hundred And
Forty-Four Thousand Jews*

130 But one of these days the Message will go to Israel, and what'll break for...God will send unto them Moses and Elijah, in Revelation 11, and they'll do signs and wonders and Jehovah's sign; while the Gentiles is finished, the grace of...day of grace will leave the Gentile church, the Pentecostal

age will leave. The denominations will continue on because they come up here with the sleeping virgin (We'll go into that just in a moment.), but they'll come up in that class.

131 But then when they do, when they do that, the Jews will receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost and there'll be a revival there that'll stop the heavens in the days of the, "Don't rain!" They'll do all kinds of signs and miracles.

And finally the Roman hierarchy...The Jews has the wealth of the world, and—and so the Roman Catholic Church will break his agreement with the Jews after this thing is over and then there will...(the treaty that they got signed between them), he'll go down there, and then's when God will stand like He did in the—the old days there, and fight for Israel.

They'll finally kill these two prophets, and they'll lay in the street, and spit on them.

132 Like they did these Pentecostal minister and his wife and children here a few weeks ago down there, and the little belly swelled up *that* big, of the children, where they walked by and spit on them, let them lay there in the hot sun for three or four days without burying them.

133 They'll do the same thing!
The Bible said so! They'll do the
same thing right there.

**And when they do that, after
three days, laying dead, the
Spirit of Life will come into
those two prophets and they'll
rise up and ascend into Glory.**

And, about that time, the
fireworks starts then. That's the
end time. That's when she's
over.



*And remember, “Their dead bodies laid
in the street, for three days and a half.
Then the spirit of life came into them,
and they were raptured, taken up into
Heaven.”*



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Title: 65-1204 — The Rapture

176 The next Rapture takes place is (Second Thessalonians) for the Church, the Bride to be resurrected, to be raptured into Glory. “We which are alive and remain,” that’s the bodies left on earth, “will not prevent or hinder them which are asleep. For the trumpet of God shall sound first, and the dead in Christ shall rise.” See? “And we which alive and

remain shall caught up together with them.”

177 Other day, I was standing on the street corner. And I—I was standing on—I was standing on the street corner and watching the Armistice Day parade. And when it went up, going up the street, I stood there with my little son, Joseph. There come, the first, was the old first war tanks come by, little old tanks. After that come the great Sherman tanks of the new war,

and a great cannons with their muzzle blast, a—a muzzle brake on them, so forth.

After there, come the soldiers; the—the—the Gold Star mothers. And then there come a float with the...on down...Well, down there come a float, and on the front of it was a grave, “to the unknown soldier.” And there stood a—a soldier standing there, guard at the grave. There stood a marine on the other side, and a sailor on the other side.

And there was a partition drawn. And on the other side set a Gold Star mother. She had lost her boy. There stood a young wife, with her head over on a table, crying. A little ragged boy setting sideways; and the tears running out of his face. He had lost his daddy.

I thought, “What sadness! I stand here and look, see them, old, just a few of the soldiers left; marching down there, crippled and old, like that, with their

uniforms, but proudly displaying them because they were Americans.”

I thought, “Oh, my God!”

178 One day, there will come a blast from Heaven, “And the dead in Christ shall rise first.” Them Old Testament saints back yonder, who are waiting, will blast forth and come out of there first, and go into the resurrection. We’ll drop right in line, going into the sky; these old mortal bodies changed and made like unto His

Own glorious body. What a—
what a parade that'll be when it
starts heavenward, some of
these days, in that rapturing time
that lays ahead, oh, proudly
displaying the Blood of Jesus
Christ upon their chests, the
Message of God in the hour that
they lived in. That's the hour that
we're looking forward to, brother.

179 Looky, just in closing
now. The second resurrection,
all...First one is past. The second

one is at hand, right now, will come to hand now.

180 Now, the third one is the two witnesses of Revelation 11:11 and 12. Which, these are the ones that turns back, with the Spirit of Christ, to witness to the Jews, like Joseph did to his brethren. And remember, “Their dead bodies laid in the street, for three days and a half. Then the spirit of life came into them, and they were raptured, taken up into Heaven.”

There is your three raptures of the New Testament.

Three raptures of the Old Testament; all of them past.

181 Now we're ready, waiting for the raptures, the Rapture of the saints. It's been spoken, and so shall it be. When God says anything, "All heavens and earth will pass away, but that Word will never fail."

The Five Raptures in the Bible

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