

QUOTES FROM BROTHER BRANHAM - CHAPTER 9
The Mystery of Babylon The Great

Brother Branham identifies wisdom as the gift of the Holy Ghost needed to count the number of the beast:

*And said, "Now, anybody that wants to know who the beast is, where this power comes from," It said, "count the numbers there and let him that has wisdom... " **There, that's one of the gifts of the Holy Ghost, is wisdom. See? Let he that has wisdom count the numbers of man, for it... count the numbers of the beast, for it's the number of man, and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.** Now, you take the... and spell that name out, V-i-c-o, and--and just according to the words, and draw a line down here and... or add up the Roman numerals, and you'll find here you got six hundred and sixty-six. That's right.*

60-1211M - The Ten Virgins and the Hundred and Forty Four Thousand Jews

Proof #11 is supported in the Church Age Book. Brother Branham teaches that the RCC rides the beast, or fourth empire (spirit of Rome):

*This may seem far fetched to some but actually it is very plain for all to see because right now the churches are controlling politics and at the opportune time will manifest exactly how great is that control. This ecumenical move will end up with Rome at the head even though the people did not envision it that way. This is so because in Revelation 17:3-6 it states that the whore, **Mystery Babylon is seated on the beast. She is controlling the last, or fourth empire.** This Roman Church is doing that. With the world church system under her Rome will be controlling, and this image (church system) will be obedient to Rome because Rome controls the gold of the world.*

Church Age Book - The Laodicean Church Age, Chapter 10

The triple blasphemy of the RCC was preached by Brother Branham in the Fourth Seal:

And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things of blasphemy; and power was given to him to continue forty and two months.

*And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God,... (There you are. See? Oh, on a...)... **to blaspheme his name,... (give him a title)... his tabernacle... (which is the Holy Spirit's dwelling place, to make it a place in Rome, a Vatican city; you can just go on down)... and them that dwell in heaven. (blasphemed them by saying they were intercessors).***

63-0321 - The Fourth Seal

The mark of the beast has already come because the mark of God has already come. But there will also be a final mark of the beast laid down in the Tribulation Period:

Now, somebody said, "Now, there's going to be a--a mark of the beast, it's going to come someday." Let me tell you. It's already come. See? As soon as the Holy Ghost begin to fall, the mark of the beast begin to take place. See?

*You only have two things. One of them, is, accept It, takes the Seal of God. To reject It, takes the mark of the beast. **To reject the Seal of God is to take the mark of the beast.** Everybody understand? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] To reject the Seal of God is to take the mark of the beast. For, the Bible said, "All that was not sealed by the Seal of God took the mark of the beast."*

When the trumpet sounded, and all wanted to go free could go. Them that didn't, was marked.

***Now, you see, the mark of the beast, if we talk about it in the future, is when it's going to be made manifest, when you realize it's what you've already done. See? And so is the Holy Spirit, It's to be manifested.** When we see the Lord Jesus coming in glory, and feel that transforming power, and see the dead rising out of the grave, and know, in a second longer, we'll be changed and have a body like His. It'll be made manifest. Then, to see those who rejected It, will be left down, out.*

63-0630E - Is Your Life Worthy of the Gospel

The hour is at hand. Every sensible person that's got reasoning, knows that something's fixing to happen. There's not a person in this building that's got its right mind, but knows that this world cannot stand under these conditions. We can't stand, friends. There's not one thing; as your pastor and your brother, there is not one thing that I can guide you towards this morning but to Jesus Christ. There isn't a thing that I know. Just think of the things that's prophesied to come before the rapture takes place, everything that I know of is done fulfilled.

***You say, "What about the mark of the beast?" That's to come in the tribulation. The Church will be gone then.** Won't have to mark these; these done gone. See? The marking's going on now. The marking is the showing forth, the brand. Flee to God; flee to Him quickly.*

59-0301M - Strait is the Gate

The mark of the beast can either be in the forehead (believing false doctrine) or in the hand (doing the will of the beast):

*Thus all the people have to belong to the world church system or be at the mercy of the elements for they cannot buy or sell without the mark of the beast in the hand or head. **This mark in the head means that they will have to take the doctrine of the world church system which is trinitarianism, etc., and the mark in the hand which means to do the will of the world church.** With this great power the church systems will persecute the true bride. This image will try to keep the bride from preaching and teaching, etc. Her ministers will be forbidden to give comfort and truth to the people who need it. But before the antichrist (in person) takes over this complete world system of churches the true church will be taken away from this world to be with the Lord. God will catch away His bride for the great Marriage Supper of the Lamb.*

Church Age Book - The Laodicean Church Age, Chapter 10

Most churches have the “mark of his name”, which are names of blasphemy:
*Well, that's right, that would take the Roman Catholic church. **But she is "full of blasphemous names," Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, all calling themselves, "churches of God." Blasphemous names! Lot of difference between "names of blasphemy" and "blasphemous names." Call themselves, "the Church of God," and representing themselves before the world; and card parties, and drinking, and carrying on, and soup suppers, and everything else, and all kind of stuff go.***

There's only one Church. You're born into It. You don't come in There until you're washed in the Blood of the Lamb and sealed away by the Holy Ghost.

62-1104M - Blasphemous Names

Brother Branham teaches the Pope is the person of the antichrist, the beast, and false prophet:

*Notice, Nicolaitia, the antichrist teaching that started in the days of Paul against God's Word: antichrist... **Then he's called again the false prophet, which when the teaching become a man, he was a prophet to the teaching of the hierarchy of the--the hierarchy of the Catholic church. The Pope was the prophet to the false word, and that made him a false prophet.***

The third stage is a beast, a man that's crowned in the last days with every power that pagan Rome ever had, because the seven-headed beast, dragon, was cast out of heaven and come incarnate in the false prophet. Here it is; he had seven crowns, and he was cast out and throwed into the earth and the sea. All right.

*What are we saying? Who is this rider, this horse rider? **You know what it is? It's Satan's superman.***

63-0318 - The First Seal

*And now he is ready, with his careful selected, educated bride by his own knowledge, see, all painted up in his deceit, of big buildings and big denominations, and paints of knowledge and theology, and smart and intellectual, and educated, to deceive the whole world, and become a "god." That's what he's done. **All heading up into the person of the antichrist, which is already crowned "the vicar of God," by his worldly-loving, scientific bride, all dressed up in pomp of intellectual, religious education.** She is made religious like him, and by his own interpretation of the Word of God as he did Eve, and as his son Cain did. Now you said, "Satan's son?"*

65-0801M - The God of This Evil Age

Numerous quotes from Brother Branham show him referencing the Book of Daniel to explain the future works of the Antichrist, beginning with Daniel 8:25 and the Pope's ability to cause craft to prosper:

*Don't watch all these gimmick workers. But remember, they're only speaking, a bogus dollar only speaks that there's a real one somewhere. **When you see this organization stuff growing and prospering, as it said "craft would prosper in his hand," just remember, there's a little Church of God somewhere, really is Holy Ghost filled, genuine, that's moving up the ladder. Don't look at the big organization.***

62-1111E - *Why I'm Against Organized Religion*

And after the church is taken away, Rome and--and the Jews will make a covenant with one another. The Bible said they would, with the holy people. And now notice, they'll make it, because why? This nation is going to be busted, and the rest of the world that's on the gold standard is busted.

...
Like this fellow down here in--in (What's his name?) Castro did. He done the only smart thing he ever did do then, when he destroyed the bonds: paid them off and destroyed them. Notice, but we can't do that. These guys won't let us.

The rich merchants of the earth hold it, and then there's only one thing to do: The Catholic church can pay it off. She's the only one that's got the money; she can do it, and she will do it.

And in doing this to get it, she'll compromise with the Jews and make a covenant, and when she makes this covenant with the Jews... Now, remember, I'm taking this from the Scriptures. And now, when she does this and makes this covenant, we notice in Daniel 8:23 and 25 he will cause craft to prosper (And craft is manufacturing.), in his hand.

And he makes this covenant with the Jews, and in the midst of this three and a half years, he breaks his covenant as soon as he gets the thing wrapped up and gets the money of the Jews tied up. And when he does that, oh, my, oh, my, he's called the antichrist until the end of the church age, for he is the--he and his children are against Christ and the Word. This man's called the antichrist.

63-0318 - *The First Seal*

Referencing Daniel 9:27, Brother Branham taught the Antichrist breaks his covenant in the middle of the week, or 7 year covenant with Israel:

*(Now, you watch when we get in Daniel's Seventy Weeks, how that comes out. That's when the mystery's going to be revealed. All right.)... **time, time, and a half time; and when he shall... ("he," personal pronoun now, the antichrist,)... shall... accomplish--accomplish to scatter the power of the holy people,... (That's when he breaks his covenant in the middle of the week.)... all these things shall be fulfilled. (Amen.)***

61-0730E - *The Sixfold Purpose of Gabriel's Visit to Daniel*

Referencing Daniel 11:21-31, Brother Branham taught the Antichrist gets power through flatteries:

*"Formed an image of the beast." Exactly. Don't you fear communism. **You fear Catholicism.** "Oh," they say, "it would come in with flatteries, like a lamb. But," said, "watch it." Behind it, it's a wolf. It's a sneaker. You watch it. Yes, sir. Cause, it's contrary to the Word. What the Word says has to come to pass.*

Communism ain't doing nothing but playing right in the hands of God. That's exactly. And why they have to do that? God had to permit communism, so that it would made these, His Word, come to pass. Sure. That's... Did you realize that? Did you ever think of that? God has to make His Word come to pass.

62-0422 - The Restoration of the Bride Tree

*Incarnate... He become a man and then they crowned him. Read, notice, or read, rather, how Daniel said he will take over the church kingdom. Would you like to read it? Let... We got time to do that, haven't we? All right. Listen. Let's go back to Daniel just a moment. Turn back to the Book of Daniel, and we'll read just a moment; and we won't be, maybe another fifteen, twenty minutes or thirty, or something. All right, **let's get Daniel the 11th chapter, and let's take the 21st verse. Here's Daniel. Daniel's speaking now how this fellow is going to take over.***

*And in his state shall stand up a vile person... (Rome, talking)... to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom:... (Now, watch)... **but he shall come in a peaceable--come in peaceable, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.***

That's exactly what it done, what Daniel said this antichrist would do. He will fit the people's place. Yes, it'll fit their--their menu for this day for the churches. For in this church age they don't want the Word, Christ; but they want church. The first thing, they don't ask you if you're a Christian. "What church do you belong to?" "What church?" They don't want Christ, the Word. You go tell them about the Word and how to straighten up; they don't want that.

They want something, just live any way they want to and still belong to church and obtain their testimony. See, see? So, he fits the menu just exactly. And you remember, "he" was finally called "she" in the Bible. And she was a prostitute and had daughters. Just fits the bill of the day, what the people want. There it is.

63-0318 - The First Seal

***Rome, always been God's enemy!** And it was turned loose in the same spirit, by the dictators of the world, because the religious system was still holding. Now it's been loosed.*

What has it done? In the "cunningness," as He said, he come in like flatteries. And what has he done? He is bringing the Protestant Ecumenical Council of the World Churches, the spirit of antichrist upon both of them, bringing them to the slaughter, just like they did the other, in the hour to call the Bride.

64-0719M - The Feast of the Trumpets

*You know we are living in the end time. It is in this age that the churches are going to come together. And as they are even now controlling world politics, they will soon control the finances of the world. Then, if you don't belong to the world organization of churches, you won't be able to buy or to sell. You will lose all. Those who stay true to God and keep their garments clean from the defilement of this 'world-system' of church orders will be physically bereft. **There will be presented to them a great temptation to give in. Preachers will give in with the excuse that they will serve God within the framework of the antichrist beast-system. They will give in to the flatteries and blandishments of the hierarchy.** And the people will follow these false shepherds right into the slaughter. But in the judgment they will all be found naked. They will not be given those white robes; neither will they walk with Him. You can't walk in the spotted garments of the world, holding hands with the devil here, and then expect to be with God. It is time to wake up and hear the voice of God crying, "Come out of her (organized religion) My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, that ye receive not of her plagues." Amen. God is speaking. Shun the religions of this world like you shun the plague. Leave off walking with the world and make your garments white by repentance and the blood of the Lamb. But do it now, for tomorrow may be too late.*

The Church Age Book - Chapter 7

Pointing to Daniel 2:43, Brother Branham taught the mixed iron and clay in the image's feet represented Catholics and Protestants marrying among each other, each one trying to proselytize the other:

*And how that in the last days when they broke up into these many different kingdoms, and so forth to the toes, **there was iron and clay. And it means, the prophet said, "As much as thou did see iron and clay won't mix together, neither will these cleave one to another." But they'll mingle them seeds, try... In other words, they'll marry into them, trying to raise their children and break for the powers, like that.** And you know that's the truth. But a hold it's got, and you people knuck down to it, "Oh," say, "it's wonderful."*

54-0513 - The Mark of the Beast

*Now, think, twenty-five hundred years ago, a single person that purposed in their heart that they would serve the Lord and would not defile themselves, foretold this day to the dot, and every other age coming down perfectly: how that the Babylonian Kingdom was to be taken away. The Medes and Persians taken that over, and Greece taken out over, and **Rome took it over and broke into both feet which was eastern and western Rome.***

And how that in the Roman they'd have the two different churches amongst the Gentile. One would be Catholic and one Protestant. The iron of the Roman Catholic church and the clay of the Protestant. How they wouldn't mix together, but would mingle them seeds, one marrying

into the other and trying to break the power of the other one. Just perfectly, exactly how God said would take place.

And that has come to pass just as perfect as it could come to pass. And every other promise of God will come to pass just as perfect as that was. Someday we're going home to glory. Someday Jesus is coming.

56-0902 - The Handwriting on the Wall

*Then they kill the children, in the other two times. They kill the children with what? Two time. Now remember, watch that two, and then three. See? He killed the children, the first two times, with natural death. **And this last time, he's getting the children and kill them with spiritual death, marrying, inter-marrying.***

Didn't Daniel say the same thing, in this kingdom of the iron and clay, that they'll mingle them seeds, trying to break the power of the other people? And that's what they're doing, till they got the thing now. They got a president in. Now, the next thing you have to do, is put--is put the cardinal in. Put the whole cabinet in, and then what are you going to do?

63-0630M - The Third Exodus