

QUOTES FROM BROTHER BRANHAM - CHAPTER 2
The Mystery of Israel's Spiritual Blindness

After preaching the Seven Seals, Brother Branham said the revelations contained therein were "Thus saith the Lord". It's crucial to note not every word he said on tape during the Seven Seals was "Thus saith the Lord", as proved by his mistake on 700 Israelis who had not bowed the knee, rather than 7,000. But every revelation from God, including the 5th Seal and Israel's blindness, was "Thus saith the Lord":

If you've never heard, if you ever believed I ever said anything in a sermon, inspired, you take them tapes of the Seven Seals...And if you ever heard anything that's really, as I can say it's THUS SAITH THE LORD, get those.
63-0802 - Perseverent

Moments before preaching the 5th Seal revelation, Brother Branham described how God came to Him and revealed the 5th Seal to him an hour before daybreak:

Now, I want to give thanks to Him Who's omnipresent, and that today, not knowing one thing about that Fifth Seal, it came in that same mysterious way this morning, just about a hour before daybreak that when I was out in prayer.
63-0322 - The Fifth Seal

While preaching the 5th Seal, Brother Branham said blinded Israel can still be saved:
They [Israel] realized they'd murdered their Messiah. See? And they didn't know it, but then they realized. They got--they got murdered back to pay for it, for doing the wrong. And now, look what a thing they had to do. See, they was guilty of murder, so they got murdered. See? They cried out, "His Blood be on us." See? That's right. And they were blinded. Now, if they hadn't have been blinded, God said, "Let them alone. They're not worthy." But being that they was blinded by God, His grace reached down to them. Amen. Talk about amazing grace, and give each one of them a robe, because all Israel will be saved: every one that has his name written. That's right.
63-0322 - The Fifth Seal

Also in the 5th Seal sermon, Brother Branham said there is a sacrificial altar in heaven to accompany the heavenly altar of incense:

Notice, notice this now. Now, if there's no altar of sacrifice in heaven, where is the sacrifice for sin laying then, the Lamb? There has to be a place where that slain Lamb, bloody, is laying there, where the Blood is.
Now, the incense was the odors--odorous stuff that they burnt, which the Bible said was the prayers of the saints. If there isn't no sacrifice on the altar, then the prayers cannot be received. It's only by the Blood on the sacrificial altar that lets the prayers go through to God.
63-0322 - The Fifth Seal

Brother Branham said God can never forget Israel while referencing Jeremiah 31:37: *That is the reason they class... See, Germany is supposed to be a Christian nation, and they--the way they treated Israel, they still got a stick on their shoulder; and you can't blame them. But just remember, if there's a Jews setting here, don't you worry; the day's coming. God can never forget them. They were blinded for our sake.*

You know He said to this prophet, He... The prophet cried out and said, "Will You forget Israel?"

He said, "Take that measuring stick, and how high is the sky? How deep is the sea?"

Now, he said, "I couldn't measure it."

He said, "Never can I forget Israel." That's His people, His servants. And the Gentile is only a few taken out of there for His Bride. It's exactly right. That's the Bride.

63-0318 - The First Seal

As a loving Creator, God puts a holy thirst in every soul for fellowship with Him. Every person thirsts to know God. As a just and fair God, the Lord cannot force anyone to choose or reject Him; it is each person's choice. Brother Branham explained God gave each person free moral agency, which takes away all excuses on Judgment Day:

There is another nature, natural, just a natural thirst, in that thirst of the soul.

You might say, "Brother Branham, is that soul thirst, is that natural?" Yes, that's natural for a soul to thirst. And it's, for God made you this way, that so that you would thirst for Him. He wants you to thirst after Him. Now, God made you like that. He didn't have to make you like that, but He did do it. And if He hadn't have made you like that, so that you would thirst, there would be an excuse at the Judgment Bar, say, "I--I--I never did thirst for God." But, there is no excuse, you do. You will make it somewhat; you might make it your wife, you might make it your car, you might make it something else, you might go to church and try to satisfy it. And I have nothing against going to church, but that isn't the satisfaction. It's to find God, the living God, the God of Heaven, into your soul, that satisfies that longing and thirsting that you long for.

Now, for, He made you so you could thirst for Him, for His fellowship. Now, there is genuine thirst for fellowship. Now we like to meet with one another. We're doing that tonight. We meet here together tonight because we like to fellowship, one with the other. Why do we do that? Because there is something in us that we want to meet one another. That's just natural. And now we meet on a common ground here, that is, because we are all thirsting for God. See? And then we meet here on this regular, common grounds here of fellowship. In the church tonight, here, might be many different denominational views, and so forth; but when it comes to that thirst, we can meet on a common ground, one ground: we all thirst. Some might believe in sprinkling, the other one in baptism, and one in pouring, or so forth; but when it comes to the thirst for God, we--we come on one mutual

ground. And God made us so that we would do that, thirst for Him and for His fellowship.

65-0919 - Thirst

Regarding the eight covenants in this chapter, I have no quote from Brother Branham to support this, but I came to this conclusion based upon Larkin and Brother Branham's work. Brother Branham's emphasis on the eighth day representing eternity in the *Future Home* sermon and the Bible numerology for the number eight convinced me God has eight covenants for mankind. Here's the Future Home quote:

*Seven days, watch, which "pass away," or, I have said, will "change to another." Eight days deals with new creation, see, not old creation. **Eight days is new creation.***

*For, it was on the eighth day that our Lord raised from the dead. There is your other convocation, the holiness; not considering the sabbaths, at all, or the feast of the tabernacles, feast of this, and the feast of the pentecost. Jesus raised from the dead, for our justification, on the eighth day. After the seven sabbaths, or seven days, Seven Church Ages, Jesus raised from the dead. **Eighth day, which is a holy convocation, see, which is the first day.***

***See, you've, done has passed through time, and dropped into Eternity again;** not keeping of days, and keeping of sabbaths; and new moons, and things like that. "But hath passed," changed your form; not annihilated. Glory! "But passed from death unto Life Eternal." Oh, what the Bible does teach us! See, passed from one to another.*

*All right, "passed," the old sabbath is passed. Jesus raised on the eighth day. That was a solemn day, holy. And it wasn't a day; 'cause day, a time, had done run out. **It passed into Eternity. See, it swung right back to the first day again. See? Eternity is like a--a ring.** You can't find no corner to it. You can't find no stopping place in a perfect circle. You go on and on. I don't care how far you go, you're still going. You can start going around like this; go through the floor, go through the earth, go beyond the earth, you're still go... [Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.]*
64-0802 - The Future Home of the Heavenly Bridegroom and the Earthly Bride

Regarding Daniel's 70 Weeks, I'm sure my understanding differs with many preachers, but this is understandable because we have have quotes from Brother Branham on both sides. Here's a quote where Brother Branham says Jesus was slain in 33 A.D.:

Let's turn to Revelations to begin, Revelations 17--or Revelations 13:8 and find out here what the Bible says about--about whether--when the Lamb was slain, see if It was slayed in A.D. 33 or A.D. 33, or whether It was slain, what--when It was slain. All right. Now, this is the United States in prophecy here, of course, now we read it.

58-0928M - The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

But the following two quotes from Brother Branham say two events took place in 30 A.D.—Jesus spoke Matthew 24:1-3 and He was crucified:

*Now, let's stop there. **These three verses** [Matthew 24:1-3], **it took place actually on Tuesday afternoon, April the 4th, AD 30.** And the first two verses took place on the afternoon of the--of April the 4th, at AD 30, and the 3rd verse taken place on Tuesday evening of the same day. See?*

They come to the temple, and they asked Him these things: "What about this and what about this? Look at this great temple; isn't it wonderful?"

He said, "There won't be one stone left on another one."

63-0323 - The Sixth Seal

Now we know that Jesus was slain about AD 30. Is that right? About, it was about the middle of the year, I guess, AD 30.

63-0324M - Questions And Answers On The Seals

30 A.D. must be the true date of Jesus' death and resurrection because it is the only calculation that adds up correctly when the starting date of Daniel's 70 Weeks is 445 B.C., as Brother Branham taught:

Now, now, Jesus, Messiah, rode into the city of Jerusalem, triumph, on the back of a white mule on Palm Sunday, April the 2nd, A.D. 30. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, A.D. 30. And now, now, from B.C. 445 to A.D. 30 is exactly 475 years.

61-0806 The Seventieth Week of Daniel