

QUOTES FROM BROTHER BRANHAM - CHAPTER 7  
The Mystery of the Seven Stars and Seven Golden Candlestick

Brother Branham used Jesus' "first love" teaching from the first Church Age, Ephesus, to convict his own congregation who lived in the seventh Church Age, Laodicea. This proves all seven letters can apply to stages current churches go through, and prophetically to the future ages:

*If God had that against this church, He's got it against that one too! "Because you left your first love, I've got it against you. I have something against you, that's My complaint. You once had a great time, but you--you let the world begin to creep in, and you got to acting a little formal. You still holding My Name, and you're still doing the things that's right, and you got a lot of patience and so forth, and you labor, you're like a mule, you just labor and work."*

*My! My! My! See, you've left grace and faith and power, to swap it for labor and works. "Well, I tell you Brother Branham, I--I help every widow woman I can." Well, that's a good thing, I commend you for that. But where's that first love you once had? Uh-hum, uh-hum. Where's that joy you use to have? As David once cried, "O Lord, restore to me the joy of my salvation." Where is them all-night prayer meetings, and tears on your cheeks? My, goodness, the Bible's even dusty and got cobwebs on It. You read ol' love stories, and news and things; and things that oughtn't to even be allowed to be published and put out for a--a trash can, and we Pentecostal people pick them up and just loft over them like a bunch of flies on a garbage can. That's right. Oh, mercy! **What we need is: Back to our first love! Back to Pentecost!** Oh, I better get away from there. All right. But, you understand, "Leaving that first love."*

*60-1205 - The Ephesian Church Age*

Brother Branham said the Ephesian message is to all ages:

*Now notice, it says that the Spirit is speaking to the churches. That is plural, not singular. **The Spirit did not have John write this down for a local Ephesian church, nor for the first age only. It is for all church ages.***

*Church Age Book - The Ephesian Church Age, Chapter 3*

The following three quotes show how Brother Branham was flexible on the dates of the Church Ages. It does not seem that the exact dates of the ages were "Thus saith the Lord", but the Scriptural revelations of Jesus' messages were "Thus saith the Lord". Note how he said "A.D. 53 or 55" for Ephesus, and "perhaps 1906" for Laodicea:

*And remember, as I've said before, sometimes on these things we might disagree upon them as far as--as the theology is concerned. **And most of my dates I take from the authentic historians, which really not interested in any side, they just wrote down facts, whatever it was, what the churches did. And I... Of course, the Divine part of the interpretation, I try to place it upon there myself, the best that I know how.***

60-1205 - The Ephesian Church Age

*And now, with all the commentaries and so forth, I could not have brought all the books. So I just wrote, write down, each time, upon paper here, little notes from history and commentaries, and so forth, that I might be able to just read it from the--the notes here, instead of having the book and turning through the pages.*

***However, when it comes to the Scripture, we'll use the Bible.*** *And then in the commentary, I'll explain; or the history, who the historian was that said it, and so forth. Then in the... Course, in the event of the coming book, why, then we can type it up all right then, and can get everything did all right.*

60-1204M - The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*Christianity at Ephesus was where the Jews lived, at Ephesus. And it was founded **about A.D. 53 or 55.** Christianity was planted there by Saint Paul. Later, Saint Paul spent three years at Ephesus. Paul's teaching bore great influence to the believers at Ephesus. Next, Timothy was the first bishop of the church at Ephesus. Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus. In Paul's time it was a great church.*

60-1205 - The Ephesian Church Age

***The first church age was the Ephesian Church Age, from A.D. 55 to 170.*** *Paul being the star, and it was the first church age. "Works without love" was God's complaint. Reward was "Tree of Life."*

60-1209 - The Sardisean Church Age

*The Laodicean Age began around the turn of the Twentieth Century, **perhaps 1906.***  
*Church Age Book - Laodicean Church Age, Chapter 9*

Regarding the issue of whether or not Martin Luther and John Wesley had the baptism of the Holy Ghost, I believe Brother Branham's teaching in the Fifth Seal proves they did. I realize there are quotes on both sides. But the full revelation of the Word, the Mystery of God, was not restored until the last Church Age. Brother Branham said saints who were not blinded Jews have white robes now, in this life, proving Luther and Wesley were born again:

*Notice now, I want you to watch this real close. They [Fifth Seal Jews] were given robes. They didn't have them. They were given robes--white robes, each one of them. **Now, the saints now have... already have one. They get it here. But there, they were given robes, and the saints already had theirs and gone on.** See? See, they had--had not... They... See, they had not a chance because they were blinded by God, their own Father, so that the grace of God could be fulfilled so the Bride could be took from the Gentiles. Is that right?*

63-0322 - The Fifth Seal

***They were once filled with the Spirit way back under the Lutheran and Methodist age, and so forth.*** *But what the Lutheran left, the Methodist eaten;*

*what the Methodists left, the Baptists got; and what the Baptists left the Pentecostal got. And oh, the poor tree's eat down. That's just about all there was to it.*

*57-0324 - Why Some People Can't Keep the Victory*

***Like Martin Luther, he got so filled with the Spirit till he spoke in tongues. He said in his diary, he said, "I spoke with tongues," he said, "but if I teach my people that," said, "they'll seek the gift instead of the Giver." That was right. See? They'll be seeking the gift instead of the Giver.***

*61-0112 - Questions and Answers*

Concerning the Seven Seals, Brother Branham spoke that the revelation of four beasts was "Thus saith the Lord":

*So the reformers, when the beast went forth in the form of a--of a man to combat that... Now, don't forget this, class; don't forget it. See? Remember it all the days of your life. See? **These beasts are correct; it's THUS SAITH THE LORD.** See?*

*63-0322 - The Fifth Seal*

Brother Branham taught the "Thus saith the Lord" revelations of the Seven Seals were to tie the rest of the Bible together, which they did. For example, the white color of the white horse rider, the antichrist spirit, shows how Satan impersonates God. White doesn't always mean purity. In the case of the white horse rider, Satan transformed himself into an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14). Also, the spiritual meaning for oil in the Third Seal, which is the Holy Ghost, is interpreted from Zechariah 4. Truly, the revelations of the Seven Seals made the Bible a new Bible:

*You can't possibly hit all the things, if--'cause you could take that--just one of those Seals and stay, just--just bring it right through the Scripture, right down. See, it take months and months and months, and you still wouldn't have it, 'cause the--**the Seal itself ties the entire Scripture from Genesis to Revelation, one Seal of it.***

*63-0322 - The Fifth Seal*

*Immediately after that, the Angels of the Lord appeared and told about the Seven Trumpets... or the Seven Seals, that I was to return back here to Jeffersonville and **preach the Seven Seals.** And, there, if I've ever said anything that was inspired, it was in that. There where the Angel of the Lord met us, and **the Bible become a new Bible.** There It opened up and revealed all the things that the reformers and things had left out. It was the complete revelation of Jesus Christ, altogether new to us, but perfectly exactly with the Scripture. That was the Word which has always been. I was so inspired and directed.*

*64-0719M - The Feast of the Trumpets*

The dates and time periods of the four deadly horse riders can be understood from Brother Branham's quotes. In the Second Seal, he said the red horse rider began killing when he had united political and ecclesiastical powers, which historically took place around 385 A.D.:

*As the impostors against the Word of God, and because they wouldn't agree... And this thing, **Satan placed, united the political powers which he held and the spiritual powers which he held together and made a church that sweeps into every nation; and he's put millions times millions (after he had jumped off from his white horse onto his red horse), and he took his sword and went forth; but God said with the same thing that he perverted, or tried to--the false teaching, that same Word will rise in power, coming forth from the lips of Jesus Christ, and it shall slay him and everything before him. Amen. There's the Second Seal. Do you love Him? Oh, my. That's THUS SAITH THE LORD. Praise be to God.***  
63-0319 - The Second Seal

In the Third Seal, Brother Branham said the black horse rider started riding when he began capturing the wealth of the world, so this was around 1095 A.D., when the Crusades began:

*What it means, that he was charging his subjects for the kind of the hope of life that he was sending out to them by making... he started in that very time of making them pay for prayer, charging for prayer. They still do it--novenas. "Cause, what was he doing? **Capturing the wealth of the world, the scale weighing out a measure of wheat for a penny and three measures of barley for a penny.***  
*The rider on a black horse (See?) he was making--stripping his subjects of their money, when the Bible predicts that he holds about the wealth of the world.*  
63-0320 - The Third Seal

Brother Branham spoke "in the Name of the Lord" that the Pentecostal denomination was already spiritually dead the Fourth Seal, which showed the pale horse rider was already riding. But the pale horse's final ride will be the gathering to Armageddon:

*Like He give Egypt, He give Egypt place to repent. What was that last plague? Was death. **That's the last plague that's hit the Pentecostal church. It's spiritual death; she's dead. That's in the Name of the Lord. She's spiritually dead. He gave her place to repent, and she rejected it; now she's dead. She'll never rise again.***  
63-0321 - The Fourth Seal

*Why isn't there one here on the Fifth Seal to announce it? Here it is. **According to the revelation that the Lord Jesus gave me today (See?), or this morning, early; that is that the mystery of the church ages are already finished at this time. The mystery of the antichrist is revealed at this time. The antichrist took his last ride, and we found him on the pale horse mixed with his many colors, and rides all the way into perdition.***

63-0322 - The Fifth Seal

Regarding the Seventh Seal, the numerous quotes below say it is the day and hour of the Pre-Tribulation rapture, in agreement with Matthew 24:36 and Mark 13:32:

*Seven, God's perfect number, Seven [Brother Branham knocks six times on pulpit--Ed.] just right down the row. Seven thunders uttered straight together like they're spelling out something. Notice, at that time, John started to write, and He said, "Don't write it." **Jesus never spoke of it. John couldn't write it. Angels know nothing about it.***

***What is it? It's the thing that Jesus said even the Angels of heaven didn't know nothing about it. See, see? He didn't know it Himself, said only God would know it, but He told us when we begin to see these signs coming up... (Now, you getting somewhere? All right.) Notice, we can see these signs coming up.***

63-0324E - The Seventh Seal

*God's great mystery of how, it's a secret. He kept it a secret. **Nobody knewed nothing about it. Even the Angels didn't understand it. See, He didn't reveal it. That's the reason, under our seventh mystery, when the seventh seal was opened, there was silence. Jesus, when He was on earth, they wanted to know when He would come. He said, "It's not... Even the Son Himself don't know when it's going to happen." See, God has this all to Himself. It's a secret. And that's the reason there was silence in Heaven for a space of a half hour, and seven thunders utter their voices, and John was even forbidden to write it, see, the Coming of the Lord. That's one thing He hasn't revealed yet, of how He will come, and when He will come. It's a good thing that He doesn't.***

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***Now, the Coming of the Lord is in mystery. We don't know when He's coming, how He's coming, but we know He is coming. See? And so was all the mysteries of God waiting for this last day. After He's already been completed, then He reveals and shows what He's done. Oh, my! Never gave His mystery in full.***

63-0728 - Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed

*The seven is always the mystery. **Watch that seven, that's the finish. That was the Coming of the Lord. Heaven was quiet, silent, nobody moved. Because, Jesus said Himself, "Not even an Angel of Heaven knows when I will return. I don't even know it, Myself, what time. The Father has put that in His mind." God alone knows it, the Spirit. Said, "I didn't know it." Then, it wasn't revealed. When that Seventh Trumpet sounded... or the Seventh Angel, a--a Seal was opened, then there was silence in the Heaven. See, it wasn't give away, what would take place.***

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*The Lamb took His Book when, the Seventh Seal just ready for it to be opened, the Sixth Seal. **Remember, He hid the Seventh Seal from us. He wouldn't do it.***

***When the Angel stood, day by day, telling it, but then He wouldn't do it on that one. Said, "There is silence in Heaven." No one knew. It was the Coming of the Lord.***

*63-1110M - Souls That are in Prison Now*

*All the Trumpets sounded under the Sixth Seal. Because, **the Seventh Seal, there was silence. "No one knew; that was the minute or hour that Christ would come," as He revealed it to us.***

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***The Seventh Seal hasn't opened yet, you know. That's His Coming.***

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*And at the same time... Now, **as soon as this Church (the Bride) is drawn together, She is taken up; and that mystery of the Seventh Seal, or the Seventh Seal, the mystery of going.***

*64-0719M - The Feast of the Trumpets*

*Remember, that, "They which are alive and remain shall not hinder those which are sleeping, for the Trump of God, that last Trumpet..." The sixth one has just sounded. And that last Trumpet, **like the last Seal, will be the Coming of the Lord.** "It shall sound, and the dead in Christ shall rise first." Just resting till that time.*

*64-0726E - Broken Cisterns*

It's crucial to understand each Seal has three forms: symbol, revelation, and reality. For the Seventh Seal, no symbols were given; only a half hour of silence was mentioned. Brother Branham explained this meant Jesus left heaven to come down to earth. The revelation was given—it is the day and hour of the rapture. The reality has not happened yet, which is why Brother Branham said in a few places that the Seventh Seal was not revealed. That's true because Jesus said no man, nor angel knows the day and hour of the rapture. Here's the quotes:

*And notice, the First Seal opened--the First Seal when it was open in the **symbol form** it thundered. Now, what about when it's opened in its **reality form**?*

*It thundered as soon as the Lamb struck back the Seal. And what did it reveal?*

*Not all of Itself. **First it's with God; next It's in a symbol; then It's revealed: three things.** See? It's coming forth from the throne. First It can't be seen, heard, or nothing. It's sealed up. The Lamb's Blood paid the price. It thundered when He spoke it out. And when He did, a white horse rider started out. And it still was a symbol.*

*63-0318 - The First Seal*

*And Jesus **comes from Heaven** with ten thousands times ten thousands of His Saints, and **the Bible says that "the Heavens was empty for the space of a half hour."** Where is this big fellow, God, then? Uh-huh. See? **He's in Christ. Sure!***

*60-1209 - The Sardisean Church Age*

