

“ LET IT RAIN “

I hear the sound of the abundance of Rain

I KINGS 18:1

1 And it came to pass after many days, that the word of the LORD came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth.

I KINGS 18:2

2 And Elijah went to shew himself unto Ahab. And there was a sore famine in Samaria.

I KINGS 18:40

40 And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.

I KINGS 18:41

41 And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain.

I KINGS 18:42

42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,

I KINGS 18:43

43 And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times.

I KINGS 18:44

44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not.

I KINGS 18:45

45 And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.

I KINGS 18:46

46 And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

The Effects of Drought are :

Hunger and famine—Drought conditions often provide too little water to support food crops, through either natural precipitation or irrigation using reserve water supplies. The same problem affects grass and grain used to feed livestock and poultry.

When drought undermines or destroys food sources, people go hungry. When the drought is severe and continues over a long period, famine may occur.

Thirst—All living things must have water to survive. People can live for weeks without food, but only a few days without water.

Disease—Drought often creates a lack of clean water for drinking, public sanitation and personal hygiene, which can lead to a wide range of life-threatening diseases.

The world's longest drought lasted 400 years from 1571 until 1971 in the Atacama Desert of Chile, the driest place on Earth.

I KINGS 18:5

5 And Ahab said unto Obadiah, Go into the land, unto all fountains of water, and unto all brooks: peradventure we may find grass to save the horses and mules alive, that we lose not all the beasts.

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AV -- far more than what's needed + 2596 (1)

-- exceeding

-- out of measure

-- beyond measure

-- exceeding

1) a throwing beyond

2), beyond measure, exceedingly, beyond all measure

a copious supply; great amount

I CORINTHIANS 2:9

9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

II CORINTHIANS 10:5

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

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DOOR. TO. THE. HEART_ CHATTANOOGA. TN SUNDAY_ 58-0302

> Now, if a man is great, when you talk to him, he will make you think that you are the great one. That shows that the God of heaven made Himself a foot-washer to mankind. The way up is down. "He that humbles himself shall be exalted. "

That's what's the matter with we people today; we don't want to accept that humility of the Gospel. We want to think we're just a little bit too good: we know a little more than someone else.

HUMBLE. THYSELF_ JEFF. IN V-21 N-1 SUNDAY_ 63-0714E

77 You know, people want power, and really they don't know what power is. See, they--they don't really know what--what--what goes with it. The--the way up is down, always.

If you want power, see how humble you can get. Just get away from all your worldly thinking, and humble yourself before God, You show me a church that's humble, real humble, not a--a arrogancy; a church, just a sweet, humble church, I'll show you a church that has the favor and power of God in it. That's right.

That's the thing it takes, humility, humbling ourselves before God, letting God just work through us.

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340-1 LAODICEAN. CHURCH. AGE - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK CPT. 9

in this last day there is again another people in the land, who under their messenger will be the final voice to the final age.

15-3 THE. REVELATION. OF. JESUS. CHRIST - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK CPT. 1

Now remember this. Christ in the True Church is a continuation of the Book of Acts. But the Book of Revelation shows how that the antichrist spirit would come into the church and defile it, making it lukewarm, formal and powerless.

It exposes Satan, revealing his works (attempted destruction of God's people and the discrediting of God's word) right down to the time he is cast into the lake of fire. He fights that. He cannot stand it.

He knows that if the people get the TRUE REVELATION of the TRUE CHURCH and what she is, what she stands for and that SHE CAN DO THE GREATER WORKS, she will be an invincible army.

5-3 THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST - CHURCH AGE BOOK CPT. 1

Yes, Satan hates revelation. But we love it. With true revelation in our lives, the gates of hell cannot prevail against us, but we will prevail over them.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON THE SEALS_ JEFF. IN SUNDAY_ 63-0324M

494-4 {232} 22. Would the Bride of Christ have. . . Would the Bride of Christ have a ministry before the rapture?

Sure. That's what's going on right now. See? The Bride of Christ. . .

Certainly. It is the Message of the hour (See?), the Bride of Christ. Sure, She's consist of apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, and pastors. Is that right? That's the Bride of Christ. Sure, She's got a ministry, great ministry; it's the ministry of the hour; it'll be so humble. . .

IT. IS. THE. RISING. OF. THE. SUN_ JEFF. IN V-3 N-12 SUNDAY_ 65-0418M

111 And as He, being the Groom, the Bride has to come forth, 'cause It's part of Him. And It can only be the manifestation of the fulfilling of all the revelations any others has spoke of the Bride; It can only manifest. If it does something different from the Groom, it isn't the Bride. Because, She is flesh of His flesh, bone of His bone; Life of His Life, Power of His Power! She is Him!

THINGS. THAT. ARE. TO. BE_ RIALTO. CA V-4 N-6 SUNDAY_ 65-1205

It's a perfect place calling you to that perfection, and you have to be perfect to get there. The Bible said so. Jesus said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect. " It's a perfect Kingdom, so it must be a perfect people come.

Because, you have to stand and be married to a perfect Son of God, and you must be a perfect Bride. So how can you do it through anything else but the perfect Word of God, which is, "The Waters of separation, that washes us from our sins"? Amen. That's right.

The Blood of Jesus Christ, think of It, the dripping, Bloody Word. Amen. The Blood, the--the Word of God bleeding Blood, to wash the Bride in. Amen. Yes, sir. She stands perfect, virgin, unadulterated. She never sinned, in the first place. Amen.

THE. END. TIME. SIGN. SEED_ TIFTON. GA MONDAY_ 62-0319

E-79 What's happening? (I'm closing.) I might say this: friends, the church is coming forth. God's going to have a church without spot or wrinkle. And she's predestinated. God said so, He would have it. That makes it right. Who's a member? I don't know. I'm trusting to be myself; I'm trusting you are a member. But He's going to have a body without spot or wrinkle.

And I believe that these latter day signs and things that's happening, every one of them is peeling together to show that Christ is ready to come for this Bride. It's God in His Word made manifest in a man, a perfect man; so is God and His Word coming again, and making Himself manifested in a Bride.

Not will do like Eve did, hybreed it to something else, but the unadulterated Word of God will be borned into that church, and she'll stand like Jesus Christ did, with His Spirit anointing in His Word. Amen. I believe it's the announcement now.

GOD'S. PROVIDED. WAY_ WEST. PALM. BEACH. FL TUESDAY_ 53-1201

E-78 So then, he goes on down yonder. I can see him get off his high horse, like a lot of people do, you know. "If I have to degrade myself to get down to that bunch of people like that. "

Come sneaking out there in the water, um-m, you know, holding his nose like this. . . ?. . . Say, "Boy, I told you there wasn't nothing to it. I still got my leprosy. "

"Uh-huh, the prophet said, 'seven times,' just keep on dipping till the seven times is over. " "But Brother Branham, how long do I have to dip?" "Until. " "Until what?" "Until you get it," that's what Jesus said.

"Wait in the city of Jerusalem until you're endued with power. " "Two days?" "Until. " "How long?" "Until, until you're endued. " That's right. Just stay there until; that's the Word of the Lord.

THE. RESTORATION. OF. THE. BRIDE. TREE_ JEFF. IN V-3 N-15 SUNDAY_ 62-0422

57-3 You know, Naaman thought that too, Naaman. Naaman said, "Now, I want to get rid of my leprosy. "

Elijah said, "You go down there to the muddy Jordan, where she empties into the Mediterranean there. " Said, "She's muddy as it can be. Dip down there seven times. "

"Oh," Naaman said, "My goodness. Aren't the waters better up around Damascus and up there. Oooh, they're so pretty and clear up there. " (My, we seen it here the other night on the film here, you know.), "Oh," said, "why--why we don't want to go down there; I can't go down there.

I . . . You know who I am? I'm captain of the guard; I'm the general of the host. "

"Well, if you want to get rid of your leprosy, go on down there. But if you want to keep it, go on up there. "

He said, "Dip," and I can see him walking out in that water. Could you imagine? Oh, that hurt his prestige. I can see him, you know, tip-toeing out like this, nose-holding, you know.

HABAKKUK 2:3

3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

BELIEVING. GOD_ JEFF. IN V-19 N-7 SUNDAY_ 52-0224

188 When Elijah had closed the heavens, that it rained not for the space of three years, Elijah did that, that it rain not for three years and six months, and when he ducked his head between his little old skinny knees. . .

Probably, if he'd come up to your door this morning, you'd run him away: fur all out over his head like a, I don't know what, an old piece of sheepskin wrapped around him like this, and a cruse of oil and a stick, and here he come.

That's all. And every time he set down there, he put his knees down--or head down between his knees, and he prayed, "God, the trouble's out of the way now. Israel has repented. Come, Lord, and send them rain. "

Like that woman the other day, when sin has gone out, I said, "Satan, you can't hold her. " No, sir. That's it. "Come, Lord. All right, the trouble's gone. " He prayed six times, come back down. That didn't stop him; he kept on praying. That's right.

Then after while, Gehazi goes up, his servant, looks, and he come back, and he said, "Oh, I see a little cloud about the size of a man's hand. "

BELIEVING. GOD_ JEFF. IN V-19 N-7 SUNDAY_ 52-0224

191 Why, the skies, where it hadn't rained for three years and six months: brass. . . Brass speaks of Divine judgment, the brazen altar, judgment upon the nation that had forgot God, brassy skies. Wish we had time to get into it.

But then unbelief would've picked that up and throwed it away, "Well, if that's all You can send me. . . " Yeah.

But what did Elijah see when he seen the very first wheel turn? Oh, my. He said, "I hear the sound of abundance of rain. " No cloud no bigger than that, what would it do to water the nation?

Why, if the cloud's so. . . It's so hot in them skies that it would've "whew," vaporized it, vapor would've went away like that. But as soon as Elijah saw the first sign, the first little teeny move, he said, "I hear the sound of abundance of rain," when it's just a cloud that big.

BELIEVING. GOD_ JEFF. IN V-19 N-7 SUNDAY_ 52-0224

193 Brother, I believe the, right now at this minute, that the power of the Holy Ghost that's in this room to cheer every sick person there is, if you can feel the cloud the size of a man's hand, scream and holler, "I hear the sound of perfect healing. " God has to. . .

If you reject and say, "Well, I didn't get nothing. " Then they'll die out; the hot waves of hell and doubt will fade it out of your soul. But when you get that little grain of Seed, stand on it. It's not like the rock of Gibraltar, but like the Rock of Ages.

Stand there and you'll feel the sound of abundance of rain. You are God's child. Satan has put that affliction upon you, and you know, and Christ has already healed every one of you.

IMAGES. OF. CHRIST_ JEFF. IN MONDAY_ 59-0525

E-14 That's the same way about people who want to get healed. They. . . If they can just have one little visible evidence. Like Elijah when he said. . . Gehazi said, "I see a cloud about the size of a man's hand. "

Elijah says, "I hear the sound of abundance of rain. " He saw the evidence. That's why, many times, I tell the people, "Go on. Start praising the Lord. " See, because that is the adopted baby. 'Cause it's in their intellectual until it comes into their soul that they're healed. Then faith makes it right.

You've got to know what you're doing. You got to have confidence in what you're doing.

SPEAK. TO. THE. ROCK. AND. IT. SHALL. GIVE. FORTH. HIS. WATER_
LAKEPORT. CA SATURDAY_ 60-0723

How foolish, their carnal mind. "Well, if that's the best you can give me, just let it alone. " Like Elijah, one day when he went to pray, and he sent his servant up to see if there was any sign of a cloud.

He went the seventh time, when he came back he said, "Oh, yes, there's a little cloud about the size of a man's hand over in the west over there. "He said, "Roll up the rain barrel; I hear the sound of abundance of rain coming. "

What was it? Why, the--why, the carnal mind would've caught that quick and say, "Well, if that's the best you can give me, if that's all that you can do. . . "

SPEAK. TO. THE. ROCK. AND. IT. SHALL. GIVE. FORTH. HIS. WATER_
LAKEPORT. CA SATURDAY_ 60-0723

E-39 Oh, brother, how much more sign of that we got of the living God among us tonight?

PERFECT. STRENGTH. BY. PERFECT. WEAKNESS_ JEFF. IN V-8 N-1
SUNDAY_ 61-1119

There, look, getting ready before it even happens. Huh? Get ready. David heard that sound in the mulberry bushes.

Elijah saw a cloud just the size of a hand, said, "I hear the sound of abundance of rain. " If God can only get some empty vessels. . . That's right.

LOOK_ PHOENIX. AZ SUNDAY_ 63-0428

298 What are you looking at, this morning? What are you looking at? Did you stop in this hideous, hectic day that we're living in? What are you looking for? God has placed everything.

299 The troubling of the water, that first little move, people jumped in.

300 The sign of the hand in the sky, Elijah said, "That cloud, the size of a man's hand, like a vapor. " What was it? He kept believing. "I hear the sound of abundance of rain. " That cloud become two clouds. Two clouds become a hill.

A hill become a mountain. The mountain become another mountain. The first thing you know, the whole skies were thundering, rain was falling. What was it? He accepted what God sent.

301 And this morning, if that little Thing has touched your heart, and says, "I need that," that's that little sign, the size of a hand of a man. Come.