

THE CHURCH 42

REVELATION 1:19

19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

REVELATION 1:20

20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

THE. RAPTURE_ YUMA. AZ V-5 N-14 SATURDAY_ 65-1204

117 And now that's the age that we're living in right now, the seventh church age..... .

THE. RAPTURE_ YUMA. AZ V-5 N-14 SATURDAY_ 65-1204

122 So now notice Enoch, the type of the Church. Here he's also typed in the seventh church age. Can you think of that? The seventh church age! Notice. "At the sounding. . ."

123 How many believes there's been seven messengers for the seven chur-. . . Oh, we all believe it, if we believe the Bible. If we don't believe the Bible, course, see, we don't believe it. But, there has been.

124 Now we're living in the seventh church age. And when the Bible said that, this seventh church age, "When the messenger of the seventh church age begins to sound his Message,

that the mysteries of all the things that's been twisted up, down through the age, would be revealed in that time.".....

125 And the seven watches, like the seven watch, of one come. He didn't come the first watch, second, third, fourth, but come in the seventh watch. That was Enoch, the seventh, which was translated.

And Noah, being a type of the remnant of Jews, is to be carried over. Now, in the Bible times, talking about the watches. And nights were not divided into hours, in the Bible time.

MODERN. EVENTS. ARE. MADE. CLEAR. BY. PROPHECY_ SBD. CA
V-7 N-6 MONDAY_ 65-1206

19 Do you realize that that's promised again in this very age that we're living? The Laodicean Church Age, this seventh church age that we're in now, is naked,

miserable, blind, and don't know it. The same as He blinded them back there for the purpose of getting His Message through to the elected people, He's promised to do the same thing today.

STANDING. IN. THE. GAP_ JEFF. IN V-6 N-7 SUNDAY_ 63-
0623M

78.....Because, He didn't come in the first watch, and they went to sleep; and the second watch; on down. In the seventh watch, He come.

And that's the Seventh Church Age, at the seventh angel's Message. See? And when He come, all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps.....

IS. YOUR. LIFE. WORTHY. OF. THE. GOSPEL_ JEFF. IN V-5
N-5 SUNDAY_ 63-0630E

65..... But, in the seventh watch, then came forth the sound, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh. Go ye out to meet Him." And the ones that were sleeping, awakened.

All the age back, to Pentecost, woke up. See? From the seventh age, the seventh church age, all the way back through, woke up.....

INFLUENCE_ NY. NY V-18 N-9 THURSDAY_ 63-1114

202 The seventh watch, He come in. Some fell asleep in the first watch, second, third, fourth, fifth. And in the seventh watch there come a cry, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh!"

The seventh church age, that's the watch, the age that watched it. And this is the Laodicea Church Age, at the end of it. Amen. Oh, it's. . . Why won't you awake, ye saints of the Lord, why slumber when the end is nearing?

THE. WORLD. IS. AGAIN. FALLING. APART_ SHP. LA V-17 N-4 WEDNESDAY_ 63-1127

176 And then all those virgins that has slept, down through the age, they all rose, you see. Now, that is on the seventh watch, the seventh church age,

the last, end time, the Laodicea, at the end, when just a little group of them went in. But, it brings all the resurrection of all those who died in their ages, living to that Word that was ordained of God and preached to happen in that day.....

QUESTIONS. AND. ANSWERS. 4_ JEFF. IN COD SUNDAY_ 64-0830E

1160-Q-392 392. Ah. . . The church age ending and has blacked out, the Bride is called, we have already entered into the tribulation period?

No, no, no, you're. . . I wished that I could just have more time on that. See, see? The Bride, when she's taken from the church, then the church age will cease.

Laodicea goes into chaos; the Bride goes to glory; and the tribulation period sets in upon the sleeping virgin for three and a half years while Israel is getting its prophecy; then tribulation sets in upon Israel;

and then comes the battle of Armageddon which destroys all things. And then, the Bride returns back with the Groom for a thousand years, the millennium reign; after that comes the white throne judgment;

after that comes the new heavens and new earth and the new city coming down from God out of heaven. Eternity and time blends together.

QUESTIONS. AND. ANSWERS. 3_ JEFF. IN COD SUNDAY_64-0830M

1105-Q-348 348. Brother Branham, some say mercy is over and no one can be saved. Now, is this true? (I'm glad I got this one.)

We watch and pray--we watch the prayer lines, and it seems some are still finding mercy. Now, that's the first question, you got two.

"Is mercy over?" Don't never think that. See? Just keep right on doing everything you can until you're taken away. See? "We notice in the prayer line some's finds mercy." Sure. Mercy's--the doors are open.....

If I knowed Jesus was coming this afternoon, I'd be doing just the thing I'm doing right now (See?), just continuing right on. Mercy is always open. See?

QUESTIONS. AND. ANSWERS. 3_ JEFF. IN COD SUNDAY_64-0830M

1105-201 And now, where I think you get it, is about the finishing of the Seven Church Ages and the Seven Seals being loosed. See? The Seven Seals,

it's manifested what takes place has--what has took place. The seventh church age, we're at the end of the seventh church age. When I say the end, that doesn't mean it's this very hour, this very minute.

You remember, the Bible said, back in the times of--of the Lord Jesus, Paul said, "For the time is at hand." Do you realize how long that was in God's time? That was yesterday.

My time, it's been two thousand years. See? The time is at hand. See? What God calls at hand is not what we call at hand. See?

So just keep on believing, keep on praying, keep on. . . .
God's still got mercy open; just keep flowing into it as fast as you
can. God will do the stopping when it's time to stop. See?

TRYING. TO. DO. GOD. A. SERVICE. WITHOUT. IT.
BEING. GOD'S. WILL_ SHP. LA V-7 N-2 SATURDAY_ 65-
1127B

306 How many knows that this is the seventh church age? Say,
"Amen." [Congregation says, "Amen!"--Ed.] The Laodicean Age,

a lukewarm that God spues out of His mouth. And they spue
God out of their mouth; there's not another age in the Bible
where Jesus was found on the outside trying to knock, get back
in. They put Him out, no cooperation.

Who is Jesus? The Word! The Word was put out. The husks
threwed out the wheat! He said, "I stand at the door and knock,
and any man in those shackles out there will hear My Voice." O
God, have mercy!

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

94 As Christ was the first One to raise, from all the prophets,
and so forth; although typed in many places, He was the
Firstfruits of those that slept.

In the Bride, coming of Christ, coming out of the church, there'll
have to be a Sheaf waved again in the last days. Oh, my!

95 Waving of the sheaf! What was the sheaf? The first one that
come to mature, the first one that proved it was a wheat, that
proved it was a sheaf.

96 Hallelujah! I'm sure you see what I'm talking about. It
was waved over the people. And the first time there will come
forth, for the Bride age,

for a resurrection out of dark denominationalism, will be a Message, that the full maturity of the Word has turned back again in Its full Power, and being waved over the people, by the same signs and wonders that He did back there.

THE. RAPTURE_ YUMA. AZ V-5 N-14 SATURDAY_ 65-1204 105..... . Enoch was raptured, the seventh, showing that it's the seventh church age that takes the Rapture. Now, there's no doubt, we're in the seventh church age. We all know it.

106 Now, it's the seventh church age that takes the Rapture. All of the other six died. But Enoch was translated, because, "He was not found. God took him." But Enoch, raptured, was a type of all of the rest of them dying.

But the--the end-time Bride will be called out of the. . . The rapturing, without death, will be called out of the seventh church age, which we are now bearing record of that age..... .

THE. RAPTURE_ YUMA. AZ V-5 N-14 SATURDAY_ 65-1204 117 And now that's the age that we're living in right now, the seventh church age..... .

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19 Do you realize that that's promised again in this very age that we're living? The Laodicean Church Age, this seventh church age that we're in now,

THE. INVISIBLE. UNION. OF. THE. BRIDE. OF.
CHRIST_ SHP. LA V-2 N-15 THURSDAY_ 65-1125
324 The Word that fell on the Day of Pentecost will not work
this day. No, sir. That was for Pentecost.

This is for the Bride, going Home of the Bride. We got
something different. The Pentecostals represented that, again.
WE'RE IN THE BRIDE AGE. No more than the--the Word of
Noah would work in the days of Moses;

no more than Moses' law would have worked in the time of Paul
here. He tried to tell them, "You are dead to that, and you
cannot have that."

I. HAVE. HEARD. BUT. NOW. I. SEE_ SHREVEPORT.
LA V-7 N-3 SATURDAY_ 65-1127E
187 Now it's begin to pull away, the wheat's begin to be seen.
This is not a Pentecostal age. This is the latter-day age.

This is the Bride age. This is the evening Light. This is when
Malachi 4 must be fulfilled, to follow God's pattern. This is Luke
17:30, to be fulfill.....

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PROPHECY_ SBD. CA V-7 N-6 MONDAY_ 65-1206
56 We're not living in a Pentecostal age, we're living in another
age. See, we're not living in a Methodist age, we're living in
another age.

We're living on up here to the Bride age, the calling out of the
Church and getting It together for the Rapture. That's the age
that we're now living. To my honest opinion that's exactly the
Truth.

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PROPHECY_ SBD. CA V-7 N-6 MONDAY_ 65-1206

62..... . you look at the calendar to find out what day of the year you're living in, and you look at God's Bible to see what age we're living in.

We're not living in the Methodist age, the Baptist age. We're living in the Bride age, the calling, bringing back to God through a channel that He promised to bring it back in. He promised to do it.

LEADERSHIP_ COVINA. CA V-7 N-7 TUESDAY_ 65-1207
139..... Now, you see, it's wheat time now. It's getting harvest time. This is not Luther's age, this is not Pentecost age, this is the Bride age.

141 As Moses called a nation out of a nation, Christ today is calling a Church out of a church, you see; the same thing in type, taking them to the glorious Eternal Promised Land.

366-4 A. RESUME. OF. THE. AGES - CHURCH. AGE.
BOOK CPT. 10

We learned the most amazing truth that the Holy Spirit could and would fall upon the unregenerate false vine Christians and manifest powerfully in various signs and wonders,

even as Judas had a definite ministry in the Holy Ghost though he, himself, was pronounced to be a devil.

366-5 A. RESUME. OF. THE. AGES - CHURCH. AGE.
BOOK CPT. 10

With these principles in mind we start to trace the church through the various seven ages.

The birth of the church was at Pentecost.

As the first Adam was given a bride fresh from the hand of God and was undefiled for a brief span, so was Christ, the last Adam, given a bride pure and fresh at Pentecost; and she remained separate and undefiled for some time.

"And of the rest durst no man join himself to them"
Acts 5:13 and

"The Lord added daily such as should be saved."
Acts 2:47.

How long this continued we do not know, but one day even as Eve was tempted and seduced by Satan, so the church was contaminated by the entrance of an antichrist spirit.

"And this is that spirit of antichrist whereof ye have heard that it should come and even now already is it in the world."
1 John 4:3.

And Jesus said concerning His bride in that first age,

"I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen and repent."
Revelation 2:4-5.

The church was in that first age already a 'fallen woman.' As Satan had gotten to Eve before Adam, even now had Satan seduced the church, the bride of Christ, before the 'marriage supper of the Lamb.'

And what specifically was in her midst that caused the fall? What but Revelation 2:6, "THE DEEDS OF THE NICOLAITANES." Already that first age had turned from following the pure Word of God.

They turned from God's demand of a church absolutely dependent upon Him (depending entirely upon God to fulfill His Word from start to finish apart from human government) to Nicolaitanism,

which is organizing a human government within the church which as all governments do, legislate for the people. They did

exactly what Israel did. They took the expediency of human government instead of the Word and the Spirit.

THE. EPHESIAN. CHURCH. AGE_ JEFF. IN ROJC 131-183
MONDAY_ 60-1205

44..... Now, the first church age started about A. D. 53, when Paul established the church in--in Ephesus.

On his missionary journey he established the church at--at Ephesus, the Ephesian church, and was the pastor of it till when he was beheaded in 66--make him about twenty-two years the pastor of the Ephesian church.

After his death then we're told that Saint Paul--or Saint John the Divine became the pastor of the church and carried it on up into this age, and the church age lapped over to 170.

377-2 A. RESUME. OF. THE. AGES - CHURCH. AGE.
BOOK CPT. 10

This age started just after the turn of the twentieth century. As it was to be the age in which the true church would return to being the bride she was at Pentecost,

we know that there must of necessity be a return of dynamic power. The believers sensed this in their spirits and began crying to God for a new outpouring such as was in the first century.

What seemed to be the answer came as many began to speak in tongues and manifest gifts of the Spirit. It was then believed that this was indeed the long awaited RESTORATION. It was not,

for the latter rain can come only after the former rain which is the spring or TEACHING rain. The latter rain, then, is the HARVEST rain. How could this be the real thing when the Teaching Rain had not come?

The Prophet-Messenger who was to be sent to TEACH the people and turn the hearts of the children back to the Pentecostal fathers had not yet come. Thus what was thought to be the restoration and the final quickening unto the rapture had not come.

In it was a mixture of the unrighteous partaking of Spiritual blessing and manifesting in the Holy Ghost as we have kept pointing out to you. In it also was devil power as men were under the control of devils, yet no one seemed to realize it.

Then, to prove that it was not the REAL, these people (even before a second generation had appeared) organized, and wrote their unscriptural doctrines and built their own fences as every other group ahead of them did.

LEVITICUS 12:1

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

LEVITICUS 12:2

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a woman have conceived seed, and born a man child: then she shall be unclean seven days; according to the days of the separation for her infirmity shall she be unclean.

LEVITICUS 12:3

3 And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.

LEVITICUS 14:8

8 And he that is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, and shave off all his hair, and wash himself in water, that he may be clean: and after that he shall come into the camp, and shall tarry abroad out of his tent seven days.

LEVITICUS 14:9

9 But it shall be on the seventh day, that he shall shave all his hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows, even all his hair

he shall shave off: and he shall wash his clothes, also he shall wash his flesh in water, and he shall be clean.

LEVITICUS 14:10

10 And on the eighth day he shall take two he lambs without blemish, and one ewe lamb of the first year without blemish, and three tenth deals of fine flour for a meat offering, mingled with oil, and one log of oil.

LEVITICUS 23:33

33 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

LEVITICUS 23:34

34 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the LORD.

LEVITICUS 23:35

35 On the first day shall be an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.

LEVITICUS 23:36

36 Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it is a solemn assembly; and ye shall do no servile work therein.

LEVITICUS 23:38

38 Beside the sabbaths of the LORD, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vows, and beside all your freewill offerings, which ye give unto the LORD.

LEVITICUS 23:39

39 Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath.

LEVITICUS 23:40

40 And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days.

LEVITICUS 25:17

17 Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shalt fear thy God: for I am the LORD your God.

LEVITICUS 25:18

18 Wherefore ye shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety.

LEVITICUS 25:19

19 And the land shall yield her fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety.

I KINGS 8:64

64 The same day did the king hallow the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD: for there he offered burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings:

because the brasen altar that was before the LORD was too little to receive the burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.

I KINGS 8:65

65 And at that time Solomon held a feast, and all Israel with him, a great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt, before the LORD our God, seven days and seven days, even fourteen days.

I KINGS 8:66

66 On the eighth day he sent the people away: and they blessed the king, and went unto their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that the LORD had done for David his servant, and for Israel his people.

THE. FUTURE. HOME. OF. THE. HEAVENLY.
BRIDEGROOM. AND. THE. EARTHLY. BRIDE_ JEFF. IN
V-3 N-5 SUNDAY_ 64-0802

213 All right, let's take the last feast, which is the feast of
tabernacles.

Now notice here in the 36th verse.

Seven days shall you offer offerings made of fire unto the LORD:
on the eighth day--on the eighth day shall be a holy convocation
(there is another holy time coming). . . . holy convocation
unto you;

and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: and it
is a solemn assembly; and you shall do no servile work therein.

214 Now we got a "eighth day." Now, there is only seven days,
but here we speak of "the eighth day," holy convocation,
convocation. Notice, "Do no work in it." The eighth day, are
(what?) back to the first day.

Why, it speaks of Eternity, as she rolls around without a stopping
place. Amen. Do you see it? [Congregation says, "Amen."--
Ed.]

THE. FUTURE. HOME. OF. THE. HEAVENLY.
BRIDEGROOM. AND. THE. EARTHLY. BRIDE_ JEFF. IN
V-3 N-5 SUNDAY_ 64-0802

215 Notice, it was also upon this eighth day. Last day, feast
day of the tabernacle,

notice after that, after the last feast day, after the last Church
Age, after the last complete seven days upon the earth, after the
Millennium, that this Holy Convocation comes.

216 Remember, this is feast of tabernacles, tabernacles,
"gathering places." Amen! Where, "In the Millennium," the Bible
said, "they shall build houses; they shall inhabit."

217 But in the New Earth, He has already went and prepared the place. It's built. We have nothing to do with the building of it. Amen. Eternal! Oh, I just love that Word! My! A Holy Convocation, the eighth day.

Which, is only seven days. Then on the eighth day, which comes back to the first day again, comes right back to the first day, the eighth day is a Holy Convo-. . . Convocation.

THE. FUTURE. HOME. OF. THE. HEAVENLY.
BRIDEGROOM. AND. THE. EARTHLY. BRIDE_ JEFF. IN
V-3 N-5 SUNDAY_ 64-0802

218 Notice, seven days, only has to do with the old creation, world time.

Seven days, that's the Millennium, the rest day. As God labored six days, rested the seventh; the Church labors six days, and rests the seventh, but you're still in time element. I ain't speaking of the Eternal.

219 But, you see, there is no such a thing as eight days; you go back to the first day again, see, the first day.

THE. FUTURE. HOME. OF. THE. HEAVENLY.
BRIDEGROOM. AND. THE. EARTHLY. BRIDE_ JEFF. IN
V-3 N-5 SUNDAY_ 64-0802

223.....Eight days deals with new creation, see, not old creation. Eight days is new creation.

224 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.

225 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.....

THE. FUTURE. HOME. OF. THE. HEAVENLY.
BRIDEGROOM. AND. THE. EARTHLY. BRIDE_ JEFF. IN
V-3 N-5 SUNDAY_ 64-0802

230 Notice, the eighth day, Jesus raised for our justification.
The Eternal King,

with the Eternal Kingdom to be baptized into, to Eternal Life.
Not seven days; had nothing to do with any of the days. It's
speaking of another, Eternal, coming; speaking of an Eternal
time, the World that I'm speaking of.

THE. FUTURE. HOME. OF. THE. HEAVENLY.
BRIDEGROOM. AND. THE. EARTHLY. BRIDE_ JEFF. IN
V-3 N-5 SUNDAY_ 64-0802

231 And, notice, after fifty days, or seven sabbaths from
there, again there come another holy convocation.

What happened? The Holy Ghost fell on the Day of Pentecost, on
the seventh day. . . . Or, the eighth day, rather, eighth day,
fell on the eighth day. Was seven sabbaths later, exactly, after
His resurrection, see;

so it'd be seven times that again, bring it right back around to the
first day of the week again, exactly. See?

THE. FUTURE. HOME. OF. THE. HEAVENLY.
BRIDEGROOM. AND. THE. EARTHLY. BRIDE_ JEFF. IN
V-3 N-5 SUNDAY_ 64-0802

232 There is your holy convocation, not have anything to do
with the literal things.

It's beyond that. It's into the Kingdom of God, with Eternal
Life, with the predestinated that never did start. It never

started on any day. You wasn't saved on any day. You was always saved. Amen.

Jesus just come to redeem that; but you was saved, from the beginning, because you had Eternal Life, to begin with.

THE. FUTURE. HOME. OF. THE. HEAVENLY.
BRIDEGROOM. AND. THE. EARTHLY. BRIDE_ JEFF. IN
V-3 N-5 SUNDAY_ 64-0802

453.....And if you've crossed from that seventh day, into the eighth,

you got into the Eternal by the baptism of the Holy Spirit, you're included in This. Now, if you're just trusting upon a sensation, or jumping up-and-down, or, "I do this. I keep my seventh day. I don't eat meat," and things like that,

that's going to perish, anyhow. See? But This is the Eternal. See? This is the Eternal, the Feast after the feast of tabernacles. See?

454 The feast of tabernacles was the last feast, the seventh feast. We are worshiping now under the feast of the tabernacles, the seventh church age.

SATAN'S. EDEN_ JEFF. IN V-2 N-20 SUNDAY_ 65-0829
165 Remember, here not long ago, I was teaching you on the Seven Trumpets, the feast of trumpets, and so forth. And I said, "There is a eighth-day festival."

So, the seventh day would be the last, that would be the Millennium. But there is an eighth-day festival; which, if it was the eighth, and there's only seven days, would make it the first day again, come right back to the first day.

Then, after the Millennium is over, then there will be an established Eden again. God's great Kingdom will be taken

back. Because, Jesus fought it out with Satan, in the garden of Gethsemane, and won back the Eden;

which, He's gone to prepare in Heaven, to return again, up in Heaven. He said, "Let not your hearts be troubled."