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26 miles high and 30 miles wide: “A lot higher and bigger than a cloud should be”

Dr. James McDonald, Meteorologist, Institute of Atmospheric Physics, Tucson AZ



THE CLOUD - No scientific explanation.

BACKGROUND

The Acts Of The Prophet - Chapter 11 - The Cloud

*And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;
Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth:
for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.
And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.*

Luke 21:25 - 27

These verses of Scripture have been read for hundreds of years. Always in the thoughts of men the appearance of clouds and the appearance of Jesus Christ have been connected. Even learned theologians who believe in a return of the Lord to the earth, to take His Bride, have formed this connection in their minds. Yet these same theologians may miss His second coming because, though given "eyes to see, and ears to hear," they will refuse to use them to detect those things which God has promised in His Word would precede the second coming of Christ.

Matthew 24, beginning at the 23rd verse, is also a witness of these days before the coming of Jesus Christ:

*Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or, there; believe it not.
For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders;
insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.*

(Notice that Jesus didn't say "false Jesuses," but "false anointed ones," those with a genuine anointing, but speaking that which is not true, false mouthpieces.)

Jesus was warning of deception at the second coming, but He promises that the elected would not be deceived, whose names were written in the Lamb's Book of Life from before the foundation of the world, and they are predestined to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ. And whom He did predestinate, them He also called and justified, and them He also glorified. Jesus says though that there shall arise those about whom people will say, "Here is one anointed! Here is one who has the Word!" In Matthew 24:25, He continues:

*Behold, I have told you before.
Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert (some place of isolation); go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.*

Among denominations today there are those who would rather believe a denomination born creed, dogma, or doctrine than the Word. They fulfill this Scripture, for they say, "Here is the Word. Here is the anointing. We council members, the leaders, have met in private, seeking the Lord. Now we come forth and tell you that this is the Word." They seek private revelation and force it upon their followers. Remember, He is the Word. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God, and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us."

Without revelation, they interpret Scripture, such as Matthew 24:27:

For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

From this Scripture, they expect Jesus Christ to streak across the heavens, shouting His return to take His Bride. Those who teach thus forget the Scripture where He plainly tells that His return will be "*as a thief in the night.*"

Look at civilization; it travelled from the east to the west. Look at Christianity; it travelled from the east to the west. Look at the sun; it rises in the east and sets in the west. In Chapter 10, it is stated that God began each messenger's message to each church age in the east and the last messenger appeared in the west, bringing the mysteries of God to completion, as foretold in Revelation 10:7. Therefore, if supernatural phenomena were to appear to people living in the last days before the coming of the Lord, these phenomena would occur in the west. For, "*as the lightning cometh out of the east, . . . unto the west,*" so has Jesus Christ revealed Himself from the east to the west through these seven messengers. As each brought their message, so the revelation proceeded, expanding with each one: Luther, who brought justification; Wesley, sanctification; the Pentecostals, falling of the Holy Spirit at the beginning of this Laodicean Age; and now on to fulfillment with this message to the Bride where these mysteries have been spoken by this messenger and the seals have even been opened.

Matthew 24:28:

For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

Therefore His angels will gather the eagles, those living in this age, the age of the eagles. Eagles eat fresh meat, not for the "vomit" that shall fill all denominational "tables" (Isaiah 28:8), but for the fresh meat of the Word. That is where the eagles will gather. As this Word comes forth, so the people gather who believe it, as God calls them.

Matthew 24:29 - 30:

Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Another reference to the coming of the Son of man, in Daniel 7:13:

I saw in the night visions, mid, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, . . .

Daniel of the Old Testament even testifies to the coming of the Son of man as being connected with clouds. Likewise, Jesus, every time He spoke of His second coming, spoke of clouds.

In Arizona, so the Chamber of Commerce proclaims, eighty five percent of the time, there are no clouds in the sky. But on February 28, 1963, an extraordinary cloud appeared in Arizona skies which was featured, complete with a picture, in an article written by Dr. James McDonald, Professor of Atmospheric Physics at the University of Arizona in *Science* magazine, April 19, 1963. People had been asked to send in any available photographs or other information which could shed light on the origin of this cloud. Why the interest in one cloud? Simply because of its phenomenal size and height, calculated by trigonometry from eighty odd photographs, as being twenty six miles in altitude, fifty miles long, and thirty miles wide. Sightings came from two hundred eighty miles away in one direction and many in other directions from over one hundred

miles distance. The magnificent spectacle of this cloud remained illuminated by the sunlight twenty eight minutes after sunset. Above the atmosphere, above the flight ceiling of airplanes, beyond where moisture can form and condense, and impossible to have originated from a rocket by the sheer bulk of the moisture it would have to contain, the great cloud remains a scientific enigma.

The editors of *Life* magazine came across this article in *Science*, and on May 17 (the same month and day, according to the Scriptures, that Noah entered the ark), 1963, published a picture of the cloud with these words, "A cloud which is too high, and too big to be true, but yet, here is a photograph of it!" I learned of the cloud for the first time from this issue of *Life*. As I look back, I realize that the article was interesting, yet I attached no special significance to it. A full gospel minister, filled with the Holy Ghost, I believed I was a member of the Bride of Christ, but I was not then spiritual enough to realize that Jesus Christ had said that His return would be accompanied by clouds. How humbling, in retrospect, to realize that I had not attached supernatural significance to that which could not be explained naturally by science. It was not until 1964 that I heard the truth of the outstanding events that occurred when this cloud appeared over Arizona.

On December 22, 1962, a full two months before the cloud appeared, Brother Branham received a vision while sitting in his den in Jeffersonville, Indiana, one of thousands of visions that he had received in his lifetime. On December 31, 1962, he related this vision to his congregation in the Branham Tabernacle, in Jeffersonville. His words were heard by the approximately six hundred persons present that night and recorded on tape as he brought his sermon entitled "*Sirs, Is This The Time?*" He told how in the vision he was on the side of a mountain, removing a cocklebur from a trouser leg, when suddenly he was shocked by a mighty explosion, then visited by seven angels. He admitted to the congregation that he didn't know the meaning of this vision. The vision troubled him exceedingly, and in the weeks that followed he mentioned to others that perhaps God's purpose in his life had been fulfilled and he was to be killed in an explosion. He wondered whether these angels were to bear his body away as had been done for Moses.

Shortly after this experience of the vision, he moved with his family to Tucson, Arizona, and took up residence there. He preached a few sermons and began to fit into life in this desert community, but still the vision haunted him. Was his time soon to be up? When would it be?

True to his nature as an outdoorsman and hunter, he found himself enjoying a favorite sport of the area, the hunting of the wild desert pig known as Javelina. It was during such a hunting trip that the disturbing vision was fulfilled.

The date was March 7, 1963. It was morning and Brother Branham had set out from camp to help his brethren and fellow - hunters, Brothers Fred Sothmann and Eugene Norman, locate the elusive Javelina. As usual, he had already been successful in the hunt for his animal. He climbed to a ridge, having directed the others in the paths they should take to encounter a herd of the pigs which he had seen previously and would force down to them. Resting atop the ridge for a moment, he noticed that there was a cocklebur on his trouser leg. Shortly after he had reached to remove it, a blast shook the mountain and as the ground quivered beneath him, he jumped in the air, not knowing what had happened or what to expect next. There, in the sky above him, appeared seven tiny dots, like airplanes. Less than a wink later these dots materialized before him - a pyramid of angels with a mighty angel at the top and three smaller angels down each side. Just as Paul said that he was caught up into the third heaven, so Brother Branham related that he was "*caught up*" into the midst of this angelic constellation. It

was at this time he was given the commission: "Return back east from where you came and by revelation and vision, God will open the seven seals that have been sealed in mystery since John the Revelator wrote them in the Book of Revelation!"

The brothers with him knew of the vision and they had experienced the quaking of the mountain, but, to my knowledge, were not aware of the presence of the angels. Brother Branham charged them at that time to tell no man what *they* had seen and heard. Leaving Tucson, on March 13, 1963, he returned to Jeffersonville. From March 17th through the 24th, he began the most outstanding and enlightening series of sermons ever known in the Church.

Taking one seal each night, he, by the direct revelation and inspiration of the Holy Spirit each day, preached the mysteries of God, which God had promised Daniel would not be revealed until the time of the end and which John the Revelator had also been told would be sealed up until the time of the end. This was that time spoken of in the Scriptures, the end time, and God spoke through His prophet as He had always done, but this time the Word came in a way of revelation that had never before been spoken to man. The Bride was shown that many of the things that they were looking for were already past. It was already time for the Bride to "*make herself ready.*"

If you examine the photograph of the science - baffling cloud, you can see the face of the Lord Jesus Christ in it, looking and facing the east, with hair like wool, as John the Revelator had seen Him. He appeared not as a young man as He was when He hung on the cross at thirty-three, but as He who is the judge of the world. It may be difficult for some people to receive, but does it not say in the Scriptures in many places that when the Son of man is revealed, when He appears, there will be clouds?

Since the distribution of the pictures of this cloud, many people have written articles about it. Professor McDonald wrote another article in *Weatherwise* magazine, where he projected the theory that the cloud could possibly have been caused by the explosion of a rocket of the armed forces out over the Pacific that day. It so happens, however, that wind soundings that day were perfect at all strategic locations and a thorough analysis of this information revealed no winds of such velocity to transport the debris and moisture from that rocket from the point of the explosion, nearly five hundred miles out to sea, to a position directly over Flagstaff, Arizona.

The fact remains that they were not then, nor since, able to find a scientific explanation for the cloud. Believers in Brother Branham's message, however, desirous of obtaining as much information as possible about the cloud, began to write this professor, asking for information. Finally he became annoyed, demanding to know the reason for the spiritual significance being attached to the cloud. He thrust the question at one of the believers who had walked into his office one day. The man referred him to me; thus I received a phone call shortly from this professor. He inquired of my interest in the cloud. I replied that I simply believed this to be in fulfillment of Scripture, and that my being a minister who was looking for the coming of the Lord, I felt that since there was no scientific explanation, it had to be a supernatural occurrence. The scientific impossibility was all too evident, requiring that tons of water be dispersed above the atmosphere. (Is it not strange that in Noah's day, the scientists tried to prove that there was no water in the sky and today they try to prove that there was water?)

"*Who is this William Branham?*" he demanded of me. (Someone, it seems had mentioned Brother Branham's name in connection with the cloud.)

I was careful to refrain from telling him all I knew, because of Brother Branham's instructions to the brethren not to tell about the cloud since it wouldn't be accepted. But as he pressed me, I told him that Brother Branham was a man of God that we believed to be a prophet.

"*What about this vision he had?*" he questioned.

I told him the vision and related our explanation of the cloud. To this he responded, "*You know that I can't accept that explanation!*"

"*No Sir,*" I replied. "*I didn't expect you to, but you say that there is no explanation of the cloud*"

"*There is absolutely no explanation,*" he interrupted.

"*Sir,*" I continued, "*You may not have one - but I do - and I believe mine!*"

The matter did not drop with this interview, for a newspaper reporter soon entered the scene, seeking a story for his paper. He interviewed Dr. McDonald, then myself, and continued in his search by talking with the Brothers Norman and Sothmann. He made an agreement with me to let me edit his article prior to publication. It seemed that this was one time that the true facts could be brought out, favorable to Brother Branham and spiritually uplifting. For example, in the original article he had written "*Branham healed thousands.*" I had him change this to read, "*Brother Branham prayed for thousands and God healed them.*"

Incredibly enough, this reporter is now a believer of this message. He believes that this was a visitation of God, that this was fulfillment of Scripture in this day. How this proves the power of the Word. Don't fool around with it if you don't want to get caught by it. If you hear it enough and there is any life there, though you may be one of those stubborn seeds that takes a long time to come up, yet you will eventually come to life when the light strikes you.

The reporter's article was published in his newspaper, which had a circulation of two hundred fifty thousand, but, unfortunately, the article had been subjected to additional editing after it left his desk. As a result, it contained inaccuracies which Professor McDonald found offensive. He was angered, particularly because he felt that I was in some way responsible. In a subsequent newspaper article, he vented this anger by saying, "*The Reverend Green should leave superstition back in the 14th century where it belongs!*"

Naturally, I felt obligated to call him on the telephone again. I asked him whether it might not be possible that the editor, not the reporter, had changed the article and *misquoted us both*.

He would not be pacified, however, and again charged that it was foolishness to believe what we did concerning the cloud. Then God gave me a verse of Scripture: Jesus, in Matthew the 16th chapter, said to men of learning, "*Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; (you can look and say that it is red, it will rain tomorrow) but can ye not discern the signs of the times?*"

I proclaim to the people of this age that the Scriptures promise there is to be a cloud connected with the appearance again of the Son of man on this earth. Now I bring you the startling news that there has been such a cloud in this century - a cloud that cannot be explained by science. If it could be explained through scientific principle then I couldn't believe what I do about it, but there is no explanation. I have been told by a man whom I believe to be the prophet of God for this age, Brother William Branham, that seven angels came to him and

revealed the mysteries of the seven seals of the book of Revelation, caught him up into their midst, and leaving him, formed this cloud. I have no reason to doubt this explanation. The cloud was too big, too high, and would have to contain too much moisture to be real; but the fact remains - it was real. It was also beyond the real. It was supernatural and God sent it as a sign to the Bride.

Rev. Peary Green
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The cloud photograph

...And a High Cloud Ring of Mystery



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Hovering like a giant's smoke ring, a great cloud appeared at sunset over Flagstaff, Ariz. last Feb. 28 and set off a continuing scientific mystery. Watchers struck by the cloud's odd shape and huge size, took pictures, like these four, at different times and from widely scattered locations in the state. Dr. James McDonald, a meteorologist at the Institute of Atmospheric Physics in Tucson, has been accumulating the pictures. Using them as the basis for trigonometric calculation, he has made a startling discovery that the cloud was at least 26 miles high and 30 miles across—"a lot higher and bigger," he says, "than a cloud should be." The circle was too high to be made by a jet plane, and so far as Dr. McDonald can determine, there were no rockets, rocket planes or bombs being tested nearby that day. He hopes anyone else with pictures will lend them to him, for he would like some more clues about the cloud 26 miles up—no water droplets exist at that height to make a cloud.



6:10 P.M., N.E. OF PRESCOTT



6:15 P.M., N. OF PHOENIX



6:30 P.M., W.N.W. OF WINSLOW

When the Life Magazine photograph is rotated 90 degrees to the right, the profile of the head of the Lord Jesus Christ is seen, with hair like wool, as he appeared to John the Revelator.

THE SHAPE OF THE CLOUD

When the cloud profile is overlaid upon the head in the painting "Christ and the Rich Young Ruler" by Heinrich Hofmann, the perfect match is unmistakable. The painting is also known as 'Christ at 33' and is shown below reversed from left to right. Hofmann's head of Christ is the likeness favored by William Branham.



The cloud WAS NOT the coming of the Lord but it was indeed was a very public sign in the heavens that God was about to do something of Dispensational importance.

Brother Branham refers to the shape of the cloud formed by the Angels before and after the event as follows;

5-3 But here they come. And they were so terrifically fast, till I thought when it lifted up... I heard that explosion like, or like a blast that went out, like a sound barrier; and when it did, I thought, "Well, this must mean that I'm fixing to be killed (See?) in a blast of some sort." And--and I--and while I thought on those things, I thought, "No, it wouldn't be that, because if it was a blast, it would've got Joseph too, because there he is still talking, thinking that I'm there. I can hear him. It wasn't that."

This is all still in the vision. It wasn't... See, it's in the vision. And then all at once, as I realized that I had been... They were around me. I couldn't see them, but I'd been brought into this constellation of a pyramid of them, inside this constellation of--of Angels, of five. And I thought, "Now, a death angel would be one, five would be grace." I was thinking that; I thought, "Oh, it's the--it's coming with my message. That's my second climax. They're coming to bring me the message from the Lord." And I screamed out with all of my might, as loud as I could, "Oh Jesus, what would You have me do?" And when I did, it just--just went away from me.

7-2 My wife's a very odd woman, one of the best in the world. But a little while, I didn't say nothing about it; I went ahead. She knew there was something happened. So when I told her, she said, "You know, Bill, I see and hear you in many of those things." Said, "You know I believe you with all my heart." She said--she said, "But that really had something." It just seem to just shakes me, that blasting, and that swift coming of those Angels, like that, five of them together in a constellation of them, like--kind of like a... Like I had that pyramid drawn here. It looked to be... First it looked like, kind of a... In the distance it looked kind of like that color of doves. And they were in a--in a--coming from this way. And they were looked like one, two, three, four, and then one right at the top, making five. And they come with such a speed. There is nothing, no jets, no nothing else can compare with that.

7-4 And I can just see them with their heads kind of turned sideways and those wings tipped back, full armored, and here they come. Whew [Brother Branham makes a whistling sound for description--Ed.], like that. Just come right down and took me right into this pyramid of a constellation of them. I seen I was off--up off the ground. I thought maybe... I heard way in a distance that roar. "Whoom," like a plane when it crosses the sound barrier. You've heard it happen like that, just like a distant roar.

I thought, "This may mean now, when this vision leaves me that I'm going to be killed by an explosion or something." I thought, "Here I am; I'm lifted up. I'm... See, they're here somewhere. I'm--I'm in this--this pyramid of Angels here, but I--I don't know. Maybe the Lord is coming to take me home."

Then I heard Joseph down there saying, "Daddy?"

I thought, "No, if that's it, it would took him too."

Then something said, "You..." Remember, that I'm waiting, watching for a message that I've always looked forward to--something.

7-7 In the vision the other day, you know as I had here not long ago telling me about what was going to happen, how I was preaching in--from the sun into this place, and--and then He said, "Now, remember, the second climax is yet to come."

And I thought, "There'll be a message." You remember my message here? The opening of that capstone, where those seven voices and Seals was not even wrote in the Word of God. Remember? **And It took me into that pyramid.** And Junie Jackson (if you are here), that dream that you give me not long ago, I won't tell it this morning, you were so... God was so perfectly... Excuse me for not giving you the interpretation, 'cause I seen something moving.

J. T., same thing. See? And I--I--I knew that. And Sister Collins, exactly the same. See? And six of those leading right straight to the same thing, and then the vision that I told you all years ago, it happened just the other day (See?), that would happen. And there it is laying right everything laying right out there. It's just something moving. I don't know what it is. God help me, is my prayer. Let us pray.

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47-7 “And those blasting the other morning that shook me plumb till I raised up in the air as high as this building, and **that constellation of angels, seven Angels, in the form of a pyramid...** Is that them thunders that's coming forth? Could it be?”

48-5 Look, then look, the Capstone was not interpreted. See? "Get west and come back." Or is it this? **Is these seven Angels in this constellation that came to me...** When I meet you at the day of the resurrection, you'll see that I lie not: God my Judge.

Or is this that second climax that I talked about the other day. Is there something coming forth for the church? I don't know. I could stay on that a little bit, but I'll move on.

Could it be that? The mighty thunder, **or the seventh Angel in the seven constellation, seventh period constellation, the pyramid made in a form, three on a side, and one on top, and they dropped from eternity.** Could it be? Is this the mystery of the thunders that will bring back the Headstone?

William Branham - IS THIS THE SIGN OF THE END SIR? JEFFERSONVILLE .IN SUNDAY 62-1230E

560-4 {275} And did you notice that one Angel, I said in there, was a strange Angel? He looked more to me than any of the rest of them. You remember that? **They were in a constellation--three on a side and one on top.** And the one right next to me here, counting from the left to the right, would've been the seventh Angel. He was brighter, meant more to me than the rest of them. You remember, I said he had his chest out like that, and was flying eastward. You remember like that? And I said, "It picked me up, lifted me up." Do you remember that?

565-4 {310} And as--I was standing right there, and this explosion left, and I was looking this way, towards the west, and they come and just picked me up in there, and I went plumb out of my knowing. And **the one of them coming was the one that looked so strange to me, was the one on my, be to left where I entered the constellation** at, but counting from the left to the right, it would've been the seventh Angel (See?), coming across.

William Branham - THE SEVENTH SEAL JEFFERSONVILLE. IN SUNDAY 63-0324E

On Sunday morning, June 23, 1963, in the sermon "Standing in the Gap" paras 79 – 87, he confirmed that the supernatural pyramid shaped cloud over Flagstaff, AZ., had been formed by the

seven Angels that had visited him a week later to proclaim the opening of the mystery of the Seven Seals of the book of Revelation. See pages 22 – 23 below.

Illuminated after Sunset

The cloud was so high that it remained illuminated by the sunlight until twenty eight minutes after sunset. It was photographed and observed by many from as far afield as Phoenix, Tucson, New Mexico and Colorado. The most distant reliable sighting was made in Juarez, Mexico, approximately 380 miles away! It was last seen departing to the east into the twilight beyond Flagstaff, AZ which also happens to be adjacent to a cone shaped volcanic mountain called Sunset Crater. This crater was originally named Sunset Peak.

A week after the cloud had appeared over Flagstaff AZ in the evening skies, seven Angels met with Brother Branham 40 miles northeast of Tucson on March 7, 1963, as foretold by vision and told him to go back to Jeffersonville, Indiana, where the mystery of the Seven Seals would be revealed.

THE TIMING OF THE PHOTOGRAPH

Brother Branham allows the cloud over Flagstaff, Arizona to have been photographed on a date other than when the Angels visited him near the Sunset Mountain campsite.

E-6 Before I talk to you kids, I'd just like to talk to the adults just a minute...?... to all of you. It's... Now perhaps, maybe, a strenuous trip; it's been a... But the experience that I've learned from God, I wouldn't take ten thousand dollars for what I learned of the Lord since I been here. I truly believe I come in full obedience to the command of the Almighty, and I--I hope I can ever remain that way. And there's a...

E-7 When I come, one thing, was by a vision, that I was standing above Tucson up here when a blast went off. Brother Fred was there when it went off. And they took that picture, you know, in the sky. And I didn't think much about it, never noticed it. so it begin to impress me somehow the other day. And Brother Norman, Norma's father here, told me, said, "Did you notice this?"

And just as I looked, right there was them angels just as plain as they could be, setting right there in that picture. You see? I looked to see when it was, and it was time, same 'bout day or two before or, day or two after I was up there. I looked where it was at: northeast of Flagstaff, or Prescott, which is below Flagstaff. Well, that's just where we was at (See?), just exactly.

William Branham – COME FOLLOW ME TUCSON, AZ. SATURDAY 63-0601

64 But before He broke forth on those Seven Seals to reveal them, that He showed miraculous, He showed it first in the heavens.

That day they took pictures all across southern United States and Mexico. There it hangs now in the "Life" magazine, still a mystery to them. But He declares it in the heavens before He does it on earth. He always does that. He shows His signs in the heavens first.

William Branham – SHALOM_ SIERRA.VISTA.AZ SUNDAY_ 64-0112

WITNESSES TO THE VISITATION BY SEVEN ANGELS

Background

After preaching the Message 'An Absolute' in Houston Texas on March 4, 1963, Brother Branham journeyed to Sunset Mountain for the hog shooting season which had opened on March 1.

The campsite he used is located a little south of Klondike AZ and just to the east of the Galiuro Mountain range. It is about fifteen miles north of Sunset Peak, the highest point in the range. The campsite area has become know as Sunset Mountain to people who follow William Branham's Message.

Brother Branham arrived on March 6 and soon secured his animal. As a result, he set out east from the campsite early the next day so he could position himself to move a herd of about 20 Javelina hogs towards his companions (Brothers Fred Sothmann and Eugene Norman) to help them secure their game.

Around 9.00 am, he sat down cross-legged to rest near some jagged rocks below a ridge and spotting a cocklebur on his trouser leg, he reached forward and removed it. Just then about 1000 yards away, he saw the hogs he was after and immediately stood up and hoping not to be seen, made off quickly along a deer trail that led further up the slope. Suddenly there was a blast so powerful that it shook the hills for miles around and rolled rocks down the slopes. He felt like he jumped five feet off the ground in shock.

Stunned by the explosion, his first thought was that he had been shot but then Something said to him, "Look up" and far away in the western sky, seven tiny dots appeared. In an instant, those seven dots came from eternity and a constellation of mighty angels appeared before him in the shape of a pyramid. There was one angel atop and three others down each side. He was caught up into their midst and commanded to, "Return back east from where you came and by revelation and vision, God will open the seven seals that have been sealed in mystery since the Apostle John wrote them in the Book of Revelation!"

Fred Sothmann – testimony No. 1

I happened to be privileged in 1963, to be at Sunset Mountain, when that happened out there which Brother Branham tells on tape. Tells all about it before it ever happened, told in Jeffersonville and I believe in Phoenix, and we was out hunting pigs, Brother Gene Norman and myself and Brother Branham. Well we heard this blast ... it sounded like seven of them planes breaking the sound barrier at the same time, it was such a bang.

I thought "Mercy, they'll hear that all over the country" and, when we come back together, I could see at the very time that that blast went, there was the Pillar of Fire above Brother Branham ... and I could see that Brother Branham, he looked different and truly he was different and he told Brother Gene and I something that we can't tell but I happened to be privileged to be a witness at seeing this.

Brother Fred Sothmann

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Fred Sothmann – testimony No. 2

Arizona Republic Newspaper - March 26, 1967

Fred H. Sothmann, a 52 year-old Canadian wheat farmer who moved to Tucson in 1962 to be closer to the religious leader, was on of two persons with Mr. Branham that day the cloud appeared.

Sothmann's account:

"Reverend Branham and another brother, Gene Norman, and myself were well up into the mountains hunting Javelina. I remember it was late in the afternoon, a clear warm day with not a cloud in the sky. The three of us were spread out in different directions, perhaps about half a mile apart from each other.

Then all of a sudden I heard this tremendous blast like a jet plane breaking the sound barrier, only much louder. Many rocks began to roll down the mountain not far from me. I instinctively looked over in the direction of Brother Branham, but couldn't actually see him for he was behind a knoll. But just above him I saw this strange circular-shaped cloud rise into the air. It was kind of small at first, but the higher it rose the bigger it became."

Startled by the blast and the tumbling rocks, Sothmann said he didn't grasp the significance of the cloud then.

"But when Brother Branham and I got together a few minutes later," he said, "he told me that seven angels appeared to him and had instructed him to go home (to Jeffersonville, Ind.) and reveal the meaning of the seven seals of Revelation." (chapters 6 through 8).

Sothmann was not surprised by Mr. Branham's explanation.

"Everyone who knew Brother Branham knew that he had these experiences all the time," Sothmann said, "So neither I nor Gene Norman doubted him for a minute."

Eugene Norman – testimony

We went to ... Shreveport meeting, the last meetings he had there, in the fall of '62, and he invited us out for dinner there and he told us when we went back to find him a home that he was coming to Tucson and that was the first I knew that he was ever going to be in Tucson 'cause he had never said, (anyhow, we found a place for him) and he wanted us to stay in the worst way ... in his room that night and not leave We was going to leave and start back that night for Tucson and he didn't want us to leave, he wanted us to stay there. And what it was, we only got part way, we didn't even get out of town and the bearing, the universal bearing in the Ford went out, went to thumping and we just pulled behind the station. Woke up the next morning and we was right across from a wrecking yard. Drove it over there and the

guy put a new bearing in and we was on our way ... but he tried in the worst way for us to stay, but we wouldn't impose on him like that but he was always so gracious.

Brother Branham never missed chance to do something for you and it was always such a wonderful spirit. And when we were in the room he wanted to know if he should go through that prayer line and tell us what happened again and we said, "No." We wouldn't make him do that you know. We knew he could do it but that was sure something that he asked us if we wanted him to.

But anyhow, he came in the first part of January in '63 and when he first came to our apartment we had there, he came for the key and I'll never forget it and neither will my wife, she always reminds us about it and tells people about it how that when he came there, he stood like a fighter feet apart like and he stood there so ... I can't explain how he looked, but he said "something's fixing to happen" and I didn't know what it was and didn't have any idea you know and anyhow, what it was, was a couple of months later, that's when the Seals was opened, see up at Sunset.

But we got the key for him, got the little place for him, that's where he moved over into Alf Larsen's house and he rented, (had that rented) till the summer there. So I had the privilege of going up hunting with him up there with Brother Fred and of course that's on tape in several places and it started the night before and he was talking to Fred and I about a couple of hours before dark and we was going to go out. It was just around the corner from where the main camp is and where the whirlwind came down and we was camped right there along that little jeep trail and there's a little canyon that went up back up in there and he was talking to us there and telling us some things and finally he shouldered his gun and he says "....." Umm, oh, what it was, I was praying for my daughter. Let's go back a little bit I was praying for my daughter, my oldest daughter and when he left off talking he said "Gene, I didn't know you was out there praying for your daughter?" and I said "Yes Brother Branham" and he says "Well, it's going to be alright. I see a light above her." He says, "It's going to be alright"

And he was telling us some things there and he shouldered his gun and he held his two hands out and he said, "Do you think when visions come like this here that they don't bother?" And his hands was just trembling and he said "We'll hunt a while and then we'll have a little lunch and we'll come back at dark or after dark." So I went around the corner from the camp and Fred, I think he went up the main wash and I went around the back of him and was going to hunt that wall right above where the whirlwind came ... back up in there and I had just got around that corner just a little ways and I sat down and I never wept like that in my life and I wasn't thinking about anything. I wasn't thinking about my daughter ... he says everything was going to be alright and I just wept and wept and wept and when I got done, I was just real drained you might say, tired.

So I got up and walked and I got up on top there and I could see before that happened, I could see him going up what he called that that hogback there by that pine tree. He went right in the direction where that blast was the next morning. So I went around the back and I went up around up on top there and I had hunted about an hour and the same thing came on me. I just sat down and wept and I didn't even know why I was weeping or what happened.

Anyhow, we all got back in there about dark and we didn't see any pig, but the next morning he had us to go up there where he'd went the night before (a lot of brothers know just here it's at) ... We went up that direction there and he separated us. He was hunting to the right and Fred was hunting the middle and I walked down the Rattlesnake Mesa road and I hunted downhill and I went down into the bottom and I got down in the bottom and it happened to me again ... that was three times. I just sat down and wept and wept and wept. And when that passed away I got up and I hunted about ... I started working back and I hunted probably about a half hour and that blast went off. It sounded like it was right above my head and I looked up and I didn't see nothing ... I didn't see the cloud in the form that it shows in the picture ... when I looked up I seen two long streaks like a plane a leaving a trail. Two streaks with a great miles one way with a spot ... a big space in between it but I couldn't see no plane. I thought what it was probably a plane bust the sound barrier but there was no planes in the area ... there just wasn't any there you know and I didn't know what it was and so I started hunting back up the hill there and I met Fred and Brother Branham. They was sitting on the Rattlesnake Mesa Road on top waiting for me and the first thing brother Branham asked me when I got on top was "Gene, did you hear that noise?" And I said, "Man, Brother Branham! I've been out here five years and I have never heard a sound like that in town, out of town or any place" But he didn't say anything. And Fred and I walking back, I said "Man! Wasn't that a blast?" and he said "Yeah, there could be something to it." So we got back to camp and Brother Branham said he'd put a piece of paper up there on a bush and that "We'll come back and try it" And if they're not in there, we'll go back.

So we went up there the next morning and tried it and they weren't in there and he'd drawed a little map and he give it to me and it showed where that piece of paper was so we would get out on the right finger you know and he positioned me to where I could scare them over to Fred and Fred hadn't got his pig but there was nothing happened so he was going to go back.

A few days later I had the privilege of going back ride back with him to when he preached the Seals. So he come and picked me up. And Fred Sothmann, Tom Simpson, they had cars and Billy Paul and we had quite a convoy so anyhow, I got to ride with him and he said "We'll eat breakfast at Benson" and I said "Well I don't know if I'll be able to eat breakfast. I had too much pork last night and I was up a couple of times in the night and I don't know." He said "Well we'll stop and ... " and you'd think you was listening to a medical doctor, 'cause he went right to explaining what happened on my insides. "You got too much of that rich grease" and it had upset my stomach. And the way he'd explain it, you'd think you was listening to a medical doctor. And when we got to Benson, I ate breakfast! That was alright!

We got back to Jeffersonville there and I got to stay with Brother Beeler and Brother Palmer and had good fellowship with them and I'd like to say that to me them Seals are so outstanding and I thought I was getting a lot then but I tell you, I wasn't even scratching the surface, but to me they're just so wonderful.

I think it took more out of him on those Seals than people really know and I could see that. And he was so nervous that we got into Arizona, he started singing for maybe two or three hours and he'd say "Well do you know this one Gene?" He was trying to pull himself out of it. Really it just took and awful lot out of him from what I could see. And the next day I went over to mow his back yard and take care of the place for him.

And I walked round the back of the house in the morning and here he was hunched up against the house. He was just beside himself I guess. Anyhow, he said "Don't tell that guy across the street." (There was kind of an odd character that used to bother him). He said "Don't tell him I'm here Gene. I just want to be alone". So I got around the front and went out there and mowed and got out of there as quick as I could. And he went back in the house I guess by the time I got round the backyard, 'cause I wouldn't bother him for anything and so it really drained him.

I was over at my Brother in Law, Willard Weert's and he got a phone call and I picked up that Life Magazine and I was thumbing through there and I seen that cloud picture and I didn't have any idea what it was and so I asked Willard "Don't you think that's strange?" and he said "Sure is" And I said "Can I just take this and show Brother Branham?" and he said "Sure you can have it if you want it." Brother Branham come over Sunday to go to Church at one of the Assembly of God Churches down on Broadway and I showed him that picture of the cloud and I said "Did you ever see this before Brother Branham." And he says "No, I haven't seen it" He looked at it and said "I guess you've seen that it's in the form of a pyramid?" and I said "No I never" And he said "Do you mind if I have it Gene?" and I said "No, take it along. I don't want it". And he never said what it was but later on when he said what it was, why we were going to Church another Sunday morning and he said "Gene, why don't you go down and tell that McDonald" (he was the guy at the university there that was making light of it), "Why don't you go down and tell just what happened up there?" and I said "Oh not me Brother Branham. I'd get it all balled up. I said "You go tell him". He said "Well it's not for them, it's for us that believe". And I think it was a year and a half or two years later that that man took his own life. Now that's the difference. If you stand for the Word or if you go against the Word. That's quite a contrast. He took his own life.

Brother Gene Norman

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SUNSET MOUNTAIN

Sunset Peak (7024 ft) is in the rear to the right of the picture.



Note; The Angels appeared to Brother Branham near the 'Sunset Mountain' campsite, which is approximately fifteen miles to the north of Sunset Peak. For a more detailed explanation of the visitation, please refer to the study entitled, 'The Tucson Mountains.'

BROTHER BRANHAM REFERS TO 'THE CLOUD' PHOTO AND THE ANGELIC VISITATION IN VARIOUS SERMONS;

REPROACH.FOR.THE.WORD_ JEFF.IN SUNDAY_ 62-1223

4-2 Now, I have had many things to happen in my life, but I never had anything like that. I went into a trance. I don't know the interpretation. I've never had anything like it in my life. But before me, it seemingly that I realized that it was a vision, and I was in the vision. But I was talking to my son, Joseph which he was not in the room at the time. But somehow, just as it struck me, I was talking to Joseph.

And I--I looked up, and kind of in the shape of a pyramid, standing before me, was little small birds, something like a half-inch long. And they were up at the top on the limbs, they was a--may say three or four, and the next--next limb had maybe eight or ten, and down at the bottom had fifteen or twenty. They were little warriors, because their feathers was beaten; and looked like they were trying to talk to me, saying something.

4-4 And I was in the west, seemingly around Tucson, Arizona. And the birds were looking east, and I was listening close to--trying to say... Looked like they were trying to tell me something. And they had--little feathers was all been beat up and things. They were pretty well battle-scarred. Then all of a sudden, one bird begin to take the other one's place--jumping like that--and they, the little birds, swiftly left, flying eastward. And when they did, from that came a larger bird, more like doves, with the pointed wings; and--and--and they come in a swarm and swiftly--more swift than what the little birds was--flew eastward.

4-6 And I, still in my--the two consciences together, I knowed I was standing here, and I knowed I was somewhere else. See? And I thought, "Now, this is vision, and I must learn what this means." And no more than the second group of birds come by, I looked to the west; and it looked like in a form of a pyramid, like two on each side with one in the top, came five of the mightiest Angels I ever seen in my life. Such a terrific speed I never seen... Their heads back and their pointed wings just sailing quickly.

And the power of Almighty God struck me in such a way till it lifted me plumb from the ground, all the way from the ground up. I could hear Joseph still speaking. And sound like the sound barrier breaking, that--that a great roar went off way in the distance to the south.

And when I was lifted up, and there was such a terrific speed of the Angels. And I--I can just see them right now (See?), as--as they were coming in that shape like that, just sweeping right into me. Now, not dreaming now. No, I was right there wide awake as I am now. See?

5-3 But here they come. And they were so terrifically fast, till I thought when it lifted up... I heard that explosion like, or like a blast that went out, like a sound barrier; and when it did, I thought, "Well, this must mean that I'm fixing to be killed (See?) in a blast of some sort." And--and I--and while I thought on those things, I thought, "No, it wouldn't be that, because if it was a blast, it would've got Joseph too, because there he is still talking, thinking that I'm there. I can hear him. It wasn't that."

This is all still in the vision. It wasn't... See, it's in the vision. And then all at once, as I realized that I had been... They were around me. I couldn't see them, but I'd been brought into this constellation of a pyramid of them, inside this constellation of--of Angels, of five. And I thought, "Now, a death angel would be one, five would be grace." I was thinking that; I thought, "Oh, it's the--it's coming with my message. That's my second climax. They're coming to bring me the message from the

Lord." And I screamed out with all of my might, as loud as I could, "Oh Jesus, what would You have me do?" And when I did, it just--just went away from me.

5-5 I--I--I haven't felt just right since. See? I was... All day yesterday, I had to stay in the house, almost feeling beside myself, I can't make my mind get clear, and the glory and power of the Lord... I was numb all over when it left me. I was trying to rub my hands, and I thought, "I can't catch my breath." And I walked around and--through the floor, and back and forth. And I thought, "What does it mean, Lord? What does it mean?"
And then I stopped and I said, "Lord God, Your servant is... I--I just cannot understand why. What was that? Make it known, Lord."

6-1 Well, when the... I can't tell you about when I say, "Power of the Lord." There's no way to explain that. It isn't what you feel here in the blessings. That's the blessings of the Lord. This is a sacred... Oh, my. It's--it's beyond anything that a mortal could even imagine. See?
And it--and it was bothering me real bad. It don't--it isn't a blessing; it's a bother; you're troubled. See? If it is... If you could only... If I could only get some way that I could tell the people what that was, or what--what the feeling of it was. It--it isn't just like setting here want to rejoice. It's--it's something that every nerve in you just... It's beyond scare; it's beyond frightened; it's a holy reverence of... How... There's no way to explain it. Even to my entire back, up and down my spine, through my fingers, up and down, on my feet and toes, my whole being was just numbed. See, just like you was--you'd--it way out of the world somewhere. And--and it was leaving me gradually. And I said to the--to the Lord, "Will You just let me know, O God."
I guess the closest that ever come of being that strong again was when I was in Zurich, Switzerland, that time when He showed me that German Eagle watching that English horse rider come down through Africa. And He said, "All have sinned and come short of the glory."

6-4 And I was crying out to the Lord to help me. And I--I wanted Him to give me the interpretation, because I wondered if it meant--if it meant that I was going to go away--I was going to be killed. And if it was, I wasn't going to say anything to the family about it. If it's my time to go home, I'll just go home; that's all of it. But if--if that's what it meant, I didn't want to tell the family, didn't want them to know nothing about it; just let done, and that--that would be all of it.
And I said, "Lord, help me. I don't want to tell the family if--if You're... If it's my call home, why, I--I'll be going," You see? I said--and I... You know... You say, "Why didn't you think about what you said in the vision, what the vision said?" But you can't think of things like that then. You... I can't anyhow.

6-6 And I thought... I was just troubled, upset. You don't know how to think; you can't think. And I said, "Heavenly Father, if that meant that--that an explosion was going to take me, why, let me know now, so I won't say anything about it. Let Your glory and power come upon me again, and lift me up again, or let Your glory come upon me, and then I'll--I'll know then that it meant--it meant that; and so I can keep it to myself." And nothing happened. So then I said, "Then, Lord, if it meant that You're going to send Your messengers for my commission, then let Thy power come again." It like to took me out of the room.
So I--I've come to myself with my Bible in my hand...?... (See?), and asking God to help me; and when I did, He--He showed me something in the Scripture, pertained right to it, right there. And I thought, "Could that actually be that... How'd I do that?" And oh, I--I can't explain these things, folks. It's beyond anything I know about. See?

7-2 My wife's a very odd woman, one of the best in the world. But a little while, I didn't say nothing about it; I went ahead. She knew there was something happened. So when I told her, she

said, "You know, Bill, I see and hear you in many of those things." Said, "You know I believe you with all my heart." She said--she said, "But that really had something."

It just seem to just shakes me, that blasting, and that swift coming of those Angels, like that, five of them together in a constellation of them, like--kind of like a... Like I had that pyramid drawn here. It looked to be... First it looked like, kind of a... In the distance it looked kind of like that color of doves. And they were in a--in a--coming from this way. And they were looked like one, two, three, four, and then one right at the top, making five. And they come with such a speed. There is nothing, no jets, no nothing else can compare with that.

7-4 And I can just see them with their heads kind of turned sideways and those wings tipped back, full armored, and here they come. Whew [Brother Branham makes a whistling sound for description--Ed.], like that. Just come right down and took me right into this pyramid of a constellation of them. I seen I was off--up off the ground. I thought maybe... I heard way in a distance that roar. "Whoom," like a plane when it crosses the sound barrier. You've heard it happen like that, just like a distant roar.

I thought, "This may mean now, when this vision leaves me that I'm going to be killed by an explosion or something." I thought, "Here I am; I'm lifted up. I'm... See, they're here somewhere. I'm--I'm in this--this pyramid of Angels here, but I--I don't know. Maybe the Lord is coming to take me home."

Then I heard Joseph down there saying, "Daddy?"

I thought, "No, if that's it, it would took him too."

Then something said, "You..." Remember, that I'm waiting, watching for a message that I've always looked forward to--something.

7-7 In the vision the other day, you know as I had here not long ago telling me about what was going to happen, how I was preaching in--from the sun into this place, and--and then He said, "Now, remember, the second climax is yet to come."

And I thought, "There'll be a message." You remember my message here? The opening of that capstone, where those seven voices and Seals was not even wrote in the Word of God. Remember? And It took me into that pyramid. And Junie Jackson (if you are here), that dream that you give me not long ago, I won't tell it this morning, you were so... God was so perfectly... Excuse me for not giving you the interpretation, 'cause I seen something moving.

J. T., same thing. See? And I--I--I knew that. And Sister Collins, exactly the same. See? And six of those leading right straight to the same thing, and then the vision that I told you all years ago, it happened just the other day (See?), that would happen. And there it is laying right everything laying right out there. It's just something moving. I don't know what it is. God help me, is my prayer. Let us pray.

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E-6 Before I talk to you kids, I'd just like to talk to the adults just a minute...?... to all of you. It's... Now perhaps, maybe, a strenuous trip; it's been a... But the experience that I've learned from God, I wouldn't take ten thousand dollars for what I learned of the Lord since I been here. I truly believe I come in full obedience to the command of the Almighty, and I--I hope I can ever remain that way. And there's a...

E-7 When I come, one thing, was by a vision, that I was standing above Tucson up here when a blast went off. Brother Fred was there when it went off. And they took that picture, you know, in the sky. And I didn't think much about it, never noticed it. so it begin to impress me somehow the other day. And Brother Norman, Norma's father here, told me, said, "Did you notice this?"

And just as I looked, right there was them angels just as plain as they could be, setting right there in that picture. You see? I looked to see when it was, and it was time, same 'bout day or two before or, day or two after I was up there. I looked where it was at: northeast of Flagstaff, or Prescott, which is below Flagstaff. Well, that's just where we was at (See?), just exactly.

E-8 Twenty-six miles high, why, vapor can't go for over four--four miles high, or five, moisture, any kind of fog or anything. You see? Planes fly at nineteen thousand. That's to get up above all the clouds. You see? And nineteen thousand is about four miles high. This is twenty-six miles high and thirty miles across it and in the shape of the pyramid, if you've looked at the picture. And on the right-hand side, as I told you I noticed, outstanding, that Angel, there He is, chest out, wings back, coming right in, just exactly the way it was. I never noticed it when it first... There's been so many things that's...

STANDING.IN.THE.GAP_ JEFF.IN SUNDAY_ 63-0623M

That's what I went west for. Now, as it's happened... And I told you someday I would tell you what it meant. I went west for it. And told you the vision which the people, both on tape and present this morning, will know in taking "Sirs, What Time Is It?"... And any you tape brethren that doesn't have that message, and want to follow this, take "Sirs, What Time Is it?" Before... Weeks and months before it happened here, I saw the vision of being at Tucson, north of Tucson; that'd be east of Flagstaff, north of Tucson, and would be picking burrs off of my trouser legs and a--a blast would go off that would actually look like shake the country. How many of you remember that? That's right. That would shake the country...

80 Well, it happens to be that at least one man is present this morning who was standing there when it happened. It actually shook the rocks off of the mountain. And now, they... We find out that during that time I saw seven Angels in a--in a form of a pyramid that swept down and picked me up. And I was brought east to open the Seven Seals for God. If you haven't got them... If Jesus tarries, and I... My great grandchildren, little Paul's children... That will still be the eternal truth of the living God. Now, that was to find out that it was sealed inside this mountain. That wasn't wrote. It had to be interpreted. And when I come back, the first Angel on the first night opened the Seal contrary to anything we ever heard in our life. And all the seven come out the same way. You know that. You were here present when it happened: many of you.

81 And now, I didn't know it at that time, but Brother Fred Sothmann... I know he's here. And I'm pretty sure Brother Norman is here. We was up... I had to go to Houston about getting that little boy saved from the electric chair. And then I went back, and I went hunting up there with the brethren. And that morning, I was standing there picking cockleburs, or--or what they call "goat-heads" there, burrs off of my trouser leg. And the blast did just exactly the way It said. Is that right, Brother Fred? And I--I--I must've jumped way off of the ground. And just above me was the Angels of the Lord that sent message back for me come here to break these Seals. Why here? Why at the Tabernacle? Why didn't I do it there? Because I'd made a promise to my church and to God, that any new message would come from this Tabernacle, recorded from here. And He was helping me to keep my word to stay back here to do it. And then immediately I went back again...

82 And now, I didn't know at the time, that they were taking pictures of that, scientists was, as the Angels lowered themselves from heaven to bring the message. And you remember, I said the one on the right side of the constellation had His--kinda chest back, and His wings... You remember me saying that, all of you? And how that I watched him? He was very distinctive from the others. And I didn't know they were taking a picture of It, 'cause immediately I hurried east. But going back home to Tucson, there it was all through the papers that had been seen almost

nationwide or--or plumb into Mexico, all the western States. And I think the "Courier" over here... It was on the Associated Press. How many saw a mysterious cloud in the sky? Lets see the hands. And now, the "Life" Magazine picked it up. And I have the--the article here this morning in the "Life" Magazine there, of the show... Now, here it is, the same time I was there. See the pyramid or the Cloud? I was standing just below this. And there... See the distinctive Angel on the right hand side? See the pointed wing of It? Just exactly what was said. And here's interview of Mexico and different places from where they took the picture. Now, this scientist here is trying to--to get all the information about the picture that he can, about the people who has the picture. He's studying it.

83 Now, he says here that it would be impossible for it to be a cloud, because moisture doesn't go over about--I'd say about six or eight miles high, something like that. When we go overseas we usually fly nineteen thousand feet; we're above the storms then. But this cloud, according to this article here of this scientist, is twenty-six miles high. It would be miles and miles beyond moisture. And he said, checking the area... And now, you know I... How many remembers that I told you, "It sounded like the sound breaker on a plane"? Remember? But there was no plane in the district. The book says so here. They checked it. There wasn't no--wasn't no planes up there. And besides, it couldn't... That fog behind a plane is nothing but broken up air, moisture. 'Cause it sucks through this unit, as a jet. As it's pulling itself, it breaks the moisture in the air. They can never get rid of it as long as there's a jet, because it's got to... That's what it propels on. And it's the moisture scooting out from it.

84 But here it is, miles above where there could be moisture, and no planes in the district. And it couldn't be moisture up there, and hung up there that day. It's thirty miles across it, twenty-six miles high. You see? Just as the same, it was that picture there, when I told you, "the Angel of the Lord looked like a Pillar of Fire years ago," before it was ever took. God made science recognize that it's truth. And here of the prophecy that was given, God made science testify that it's the truth. Now, where do we stand? I want to keep this, for I--I may speak to a friend of mine that's present this morning to--to write those Seven Seals. He might want to use this for it. And so, you have a copy of it... Why, if you get one, hold it for reference. See?

85 Now, he's wanting to find out, but what good would it do to go to tell him that? He'd laugh at it. He would just merely laugh. So don't cast our pearls like that. But we know, the church knows, and God knows that it's the truth.

And then while I was praying on this subject, a wondering what would happen to me, and you know where I was at? North of Tucson, east of Flagstaff, just exactly, positionally, where I told you months before it happened I'd be standing. And exactly, according to this paper here and the papers--or this magazine, and our own testimony, exactly where it taken place. God is perfect and cannot lie. And it will come to pass. See?

87 You remember on the tape, "Sirs, What Time Is It?" I quoted over it, "Remember, something's fixing to take place major." And now it's made the whole nation testify to it. Every newspaper on the Associated Press, and one of our leading magazines, and everything else testifying about it, it ain't all over yet. But what a privileged people, a--a privileged people that's Christian, to know that in this dark hour when there's no hopes according to science there's an atomic bomb waiting for us. And no hopes in our organizations ever getting together; they're consolidating with the mark of the beast... And when all of our hopes that way is gone in our economy, of our Christian fellowship amongst the organizations... It's heading up into Catholicism, which will be a mark of the beast in the confederation of church.

LORD.JUST.ONCE.MORE_ HOT.SPRINGS.AR FRIDAY_ 63-0628A

41 And I was talking to someone a few minutes ago. If you look in "Life" magazine, last month, you'll see there. And you got that tape. I'm not a tape salesman. But if you ever believed the Words that I preach, and you can afford it, get "The Seven Seals," and first get "What Time Is It, Sirs?" Listen to that spoke of, six months before it happened. And science is baffled. Standing right under where it was happening there. And told them, six months before, how that there'd be seven Angels in a form of a constellation, and look like a pyramid, would drop down. And I'd be standing north of Tucson, Arizona, and there would be a roar that would even shake the rocks from the mountains. Brother Fred Sothmann setting there, who was standing with us, many of them, when it happened.

42 Now, science took the picture of It, you seen It, went on Associated Press. They didn't know what It was. There's a Cloud hanging, twenty-six miles high. That's fifteen miles, or twenty, above even where vapor's at. They don't know what it's all going about, and they're trying to investigate It. And there, right under It, I was standing. And those seven Angels roaring out their voices, of those Seven Seals, standing there. And the witness, three of us, as a witness of the things that was prophesied on the tape, "Sirs, What Time Is It?" And there now they're trying to find out. It's a mystery to them.

Some of them said, "Go, go... Why don't you go tell them?"

It'd be just like when the Angel of the Lord appeared here at Houston, Texas, in that Light. I told the people all my life I seen that Light.

The church knows it. Science knows it. It's... Everything has to testify when Jesus Christ makes a move. There it is. The magazine, if you want to look in it, it's the one that's got Rockefeller and his new wife on the back. I think it's May's issue of the "Life" magazine. He's God. We're living in the last days.

IS.THIS.THE.SIGN.OF.THE.END.SIR_ JEFF.IN SUNDAY_ 62-1230E

25-3 Now, in this vision, or as I was speaking, I looked, and I saw a strange thing. Now, it seemed like that my little son Joseph was by my side. I was talking to him. Now, if you'll watch the vision real close, you'll see why Joseph was standing there.

And I looked, and there was a big bush. And on this bush in a--in a constellation of birds, little bitty birds, about a half inch long and a half inch high, they were little veterans. Their little feathers was beat down. And there was about two or three on the top limb, six or eight on the next limb, and fifteen or twenty on the next limb, coming down in the shape of the pyramid. And those little fellows, little messengers... And they were pretty well worn out. And they were watching eastward, and I was at Tucson, Arizona, in the vision. For it made it so purpose that He didn't want me to fail to see where it was at, I was picking a sand burr off of me from the desert. And I said, "Now, I know this is a vision, and I know that I'm at Tucson. And I know that them little birds there represent something." And they were watching eastward. And all of sudden they taken a notion to fly, and away they went eastward.

25-5 And as soon as they left, a constellation of larger birds came. They looked like doves, sharp pointed wings, kind of a gray color, a little lighter color than what these first little messengers was. And they were coming eastward swiftly. And no sooner than they got out of my sight, I turned again to look westward, and there it happened. There was a blast that actually shook the whole earth. Now, don't miss this. And you on tape, be sure you get this right.

First a blast. And I thought it sounded like a sound barrier, or ever-what you call it when planes cross the sound, and the sound comes back to the earth: just shook like roared, everything: Then it could've been a--a great clap of thunder and lightning like. I didn't see the lightning. I just heard that great blast that went forth that sounded like it was south from me, towards Mexico.

26-2 But it shook the earth, and when it did, I was still looking westward. And way off into eternity I saw a constellation of something coming. It looked like that it might've been little dots. There could've been no less than five, and not more than seven. But they were in the shape of a pyramid, like these messengers coming. And when it did, the power of Almighty God lifted me up to meet them. And I can see it. I... It's never left me. Eight days is gone, and I can't forget it yet. I never had anything to bother me like that has. My family will tell you.

26-4 I could see those Angels, those shaped-back wings traveling faster than sound could travel. They come from eternity in a split like a twinkling of an eye, not enough to bat your eye, just a twinkle. They were there. I didn't have time to count. I didn't have time, no more than just look. Mighty ones, great powerful Angels, snow white, wings set in head, and they were "whew wheew," [Brother Branham illustrates--Ed.] and when it did, I was caught up into this pyramid of constellation. And I thought, "Now, this is it." I was numbed all over, and I said, "Oh, my. This means that there will be a blast that will kill me. I'm at the end of my road now. I mustn't tell my people when this vision leaves. I don't want them to know about it, but the heavenly Father has let me know now that my time is finished. I won't tell my family so they'll worry about me, because He's fixing to go and these Angels has come for me, and I'll be killed pretty soon now in some kind of an explosion."

Then it came to me, while I was in this constellation, "No, that isn't it. If it would've killed you it would've killed Joseph, and I could hear Joseph calling me." Well, then I turned again, and I thought, "Lord God, what does this vision mean?" And I wondered, and then it come to me, not a voice, just come to me. Oh, that is the Angels of the Lord coming to give me my new commission. And when I thought that, I raised up my hands, and I said, "O Lord Jesus, what will You have me do?" And the vision left me. For almost an hour, I couldn't feel.

27-1 Now, you people know what the blessings of the Lord is. But the power of the Lord is altogether different. The power of the Lord in them kind of a places, I felt it many, many times before in vision, but never like that. It feels like a reverent fear. I was so scared till I was paralyzed in the presence of these Beings. I tell the truth. As Paul said, "I lie not." You never caught me saying anything wrong about something like that? Something's fixing to happen. Then after while I said, "Lord Jesus, if I'm going to be killed, let me know so I won't tell my people about this; but if it's something else, let me know." The--nothing answered.

After the Spirit left me for about a half hour I guess or more I said, "Lord, if it is then that I am going to be killed, and You're finished with me on earth, and--and I'm going to be taken home now, which if that's it, that's fine. That's all right." So I said, "If it is, let me know. Send Your power back on me again. Then I'll know not to tell my people, or anybody about it, because You're fixing to come catch me away." And I... And nothing happened. And I waited awhile. Then I said, "Lord Jesus, if it did not mean that, and it means that You've got something for me to do and it'll be revealed to me later, then send Your power. And it almost took me from the room.

27-4 I found myself somewhere over in a corner. I could hear my wife somewhere trying to shake a door. The door in the bedroom was locked. And I had a Bible open, and it was reading... I don't know, but it was in, I believe, Romans the 9th chapter, the last verse: "Behold I lay in Sion a

cornerstone, a stumbling stone, a precious cornerstone, and whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed." And I thought, "It's strange I'd be reading that." (Spirit still packing me in the room.) And I closed up the Bible and stood there. I went over to the window (It was about ten o'clock in the day or better.), and I raised up my hands, and I said, "Lord God, I don't understand. This is a strange day to me. And I'm beside myself almost." And I said, "Lord, what does that mean? Let me read again, if it be You." Now, this sounds juvenile. And I took up the Bible, opened it up. There it was again at the same place: Paul telling the Jews that they tried to--telling the Romans that the Jews tried to accept it by works, but it's by faith that we believe it.

28-1 Well, it's been a terrific time since. Now, you see where I stand. I don't know what's happening. I don't know what to say. But now, let me now, from now on, for the next about fifteen, twenty minutes, let me try to say something here now. Remember, not one time has those visions ever failed.

Now, I'm going to take the Scriptures for a moment. If you notice, in Revelations the 10th chapter... Now, let me say this: If the vision is Scriptural, it can only be interpreted by the Scripture. And then I want you to put this together. And now, you present and you on tape, be sure you say this the way I say it, 'cause it could be mighty easy misunderstood.

IS.YOUR.LIFE.WORTHY_ JEFF.IN SUNDAY_ 63-0630E

5 I know it's awfully warm and place all packed out the way it is; and so we're sorry we don't have the--any air-conditioning. And I... Maybe that'll be... There's two things that I want to do for the church as soon as I can get back in the way I want to, if I can get back in the meetings properly. I want a--a piano, where it sets this way, so the pianist will be looking towards the congregation. I want a organ over on this side and a air conditioner, then I feel like I--that'd be it. And so we are... We'll trust the Lord and know that He will grant it to us.

6 I believe they told me Brother Hickerson just took this out of the magazine. He put it on my desk back there. That is that constellation of Angels that's in the--the magazine that was spoke of. See the pyramid shape? Look at this one on this side, the pointed wing coming with his chest out like that on my right-hand side, as I spoke from this same pulpit months and months and months ago. See? There it is. And "Look" magazine--or "Life" magazine has it, the--the May issue, May the 17th, I believe it is (Is that right?), May the 17th issue. Mrs. Wood was telling me today that many called her and asked... That's in the May issue, May the 17th. It's a mysterious cloud. The cloud is twenty-six miles high and thirty miles across. And that's what we were speaking of here. And that's where the Angel of the Lord came down and shook the place, and the whole... It sound louder...

8 I know there's one man if... I think Brother Sothmann--I seen him awhile ago somewhere--he's here--he was standing (yeah, right back here)--he was standing near when it happened. I guess I wasn't too far from him; I just seen him, tried to wave to him (only I had his binoculars), that the--the animals in which we were hunting had--wasn't on this hill. Now, it went on the other hill. I'd found them the day before and told them where to go to. And I went over here where if they come this way, I'd just shoot up in the air and run them back that way, so that they could get their--their--their animal. So... Javelina is what it was.

9 And so, I went over on this side, and they wasn't--they wasn't on either side. I seen Brother Fred walk out, and they wasn't there. He went back, and Brother Norman went over the hill. And I turned, went down in a little chasm and come up, just by myself, about a mile and a half through some real, rugged country. And I was set down and was just looking around. It was getting up in

the day, and I was picking those, what we call there, goat-headers, something like a burr, picking them off of my trouser leg, just exactly the same kind that I saw myself doing when I was here telling you about the vision six months about, before it happened. And I said, "That's strange. And look how perfect north I am of Tucson, kinda northeast, makes..." Tucson, you remember I said a little southwest. And I said, "That's strange." And I was looking at the--at the burr like this, picking them off of my--many of them--off of my trouser legs. If you've never been there, that's a desert country. It isn't like this at all. About twenty times brighter, and no trees and things like there is here, just cactus and sand.

So I--I was just looking at it like that. I just raised my eyes up; at about, I'd say, half a mile from me I saw a whole head--herd of javelina, laying--coming out on the end where they was eating some fileree. And I thought, "Now, if I can just get Brother Fred and Brother Norman to there, that's just the place.

11 And the evening before the Holy Spirit was so tremendous in the camp, that He was telling me things that had happened and taken place, I had to get up and walk away from the camp. And then that next morning I'd went up there, and I started... I said, "Now, if I can get to Brother Fred, I'll get him around this mountain," which was about a mile this way. I'd had to go about a--about two mile or better to pick him up, maybe three, back this way, down this what we call hogback, come up like this, up top these rugged, jagged mountains and run down this way, cut across and come over and go down in this direction and pick him up. And then he'd have to go plumb to the bottom of the hill to get Brother Norman, which would probably been four or five miles, then get back. And I was going to put a--a little piece of kleenex, that I was going to hang on a piece of--of the mesquite there, so I could point myself to which ridge to go out when I come back.

12 And I--I just come over a little ridge where there was a lot of jagged rock, and there's a--a deer trail come down the other side about, oh, forty, fifty yards beneath the cliff. And it was about, oh, it was up in the day. I'd say 8:00 o'clock or 9:00, wouldn't you think something like that, Brother Fred? Maybe 9:00 o'clock, something? I run over on this side quickly to keep the javelinas from seeing me. They're wild boar, you know, and they're pretty scary.

So I--I went over the hill this way and cut--and started to run up the hill, and I just run along in a little--what we call a dog trot; and all of a sudden the whole country just rung out. I never heard such a terrific blast. Just shook, and the rocks rolled. And I felt like I--I must've jumped five feet off the ground, looked like. It just--just scared me. And I thought, "Oh, my..." I thought I'd gotten shot, that somebody... I had on a black hat. I thought they might've thought it was a javelina running up the mountain, somebody had shot me. It went so loud right on me like that. Then all at once something said, "Look up." There it was. Then He told me, "It's the opening of those Seven Seals; turn home." So here I come.

14 I met Brother Fred and Brother Norman about a hour later when I found them, and they were excited and talking about it. And there it is. And science says that it's impossible for--for any kind of a--a mist or anything get that high, fog, vapor. See, it'll only go just... I wouldn't know. I--I--we--when we go overseas, we travel nine thousand feet; that's above the storms. That's approximately about four miles. And say, let's say maybe it's fifteen miles till you can't get no more vapor. But this was twenty-six miles, and she hung there all day. See? They don't know what it is. But thank the Lord, we do. Thank you, Brother Hickerson. I'll keep it on my desk in there, and when they write the book, why, then we can have it.

25 I seen the rocks tumbling off the side of the hill, rolling down. And I looked up, there was that white circle above me there, circling around. Here come seven Angels, come moving down out of the air, picked me up, and said, "Go back to your home to the East, right away, and bring those Seven Seals where there's seven mysteries, for the complete Word is revealed now in these seven mysteries."

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. I'm not a tape salesman. I am the... Mr. Sothmann here sells tapes, him and Mr. Maguire, but I don't sell tapes. They take them. And if you ever heard anything that's really, as I can say it's THUS SAITH THE LORD, get those.

27 And you know, not in that time, I didn't know it; but cameras from all over the country was taking the picture of that, as the white cloud settled down, went on the Associated Press. I think your Chicago paper packed it, all around. "Life" magazine packed it. How many has seen it in there, that Mr... That (See?) that was it right there, just exactly the way it said, standing right under it when it come down and formed. They said, "It was way beyond, and they hunted the country, and there's no airplanes or nothing in there. And it was too high, twenty-six miles high, where there is no vapor or nothing. You couldn't... They couldn't have made vapor, anyhow. And thirty miles across it..."

And here it come, settling down. And watch on the right-hand side of that constellation, if it isn't... Read the tapes, or listen to the tape, "Sirs, What Time Is It?," about three or four months before it happened. There it is.

Even science has to recognize it to be true. They're studying It. They say it's a mystery; they can't understand. The science down there in Tucson are trying to understand it, what it is. I thought first I'd go talk to them; I thought, "No, it'd be just like that picture of the Angel of the Lord on the picture; they wouldn't believe It. There's no need to tell them." So, but you see, in the face of all of it, they have to know that it's truth, anyhow (See?) that it's the truth.

HE.THAT.IS.IN.YOU_ JEFF.IN SUNDAY_ 63-1110E

15 Now, some sister here, Billy just showed me, was nice enough to go get this Life magazine, this picture, and blow it up, of that... of this--of the seven Angels, and had it taken and sent to me. That is the picture. And now, if you'll notice here, as it was a-leaving, ascending back, when the Angels had brought their message, it was in the form of a pyramid, just exactly what I told you three months before it happened, the way it would be. Is that right? And the notable Angel, with His wings back on the side, back, laying back, you remember me, said, "He had His head... coming to speak." Don't you even see the wings there? And there's the Angel there, just exactly the way it was said.

23 Now, standing here, told you that the Angels was coming. Brother Fred, being one... (I seen Brother Fred awhile ago. I thought he was right over here, but I've missed him somewhere. Oh, back here, that's right.) He was standing within a--a two mile, or a mile and a half, or two mile of where I was, heard the explosion, felt the rock and everything else, when it went off. That right, Brother Fred? And there went the Angel that sent back with them message. And here it even is in the pyramid form, as I showed you what it would be in here, told you how they'd be standing before I left. Photograph after photograph across the country took it, plumb into Mexico, be thirty miles high and twenty-seven miles across it. And it's so high that even moisture or nothing can... Moisture don't travel over about eight or nine miles high. Then you's out to a place where there's nothing to make moisture. See? And this was, I think it was either twenty-seven miles high and

thirty miles across it, or either it was--it was twenty--thirty miles high and twenty-seven miles across it, one or the other. The "Life" magazine packed it, or "Look." Which was it, "Look" or "Life"? "Life, Life" magazine. I think, May the 17th, issue. That's it.

24 Now there it is, scientifically, proof that it is the truth. So therefore we--we don't worry about whether it's truth. Both scientifically and spiritually, and what was said come to pass. So the message of the Seven Seals, in their closing, that's the message of the entire Bible. The Seven Seals closes the New Testament and sealed it up, that is true. Now, we know that that is by prophetic utterance, by scientific, and by the Word. Three has give the witness to it, that it's the truth.

TESTIMONY_ SHREVEPORT.LA THURSDAY_ 63-1128M

31 Like the March 17th, the--the March issue of the "Life" magazine, you seen that circle of Light in the skies, thirty miles high, twenty-seven miles across. Why, moisture's only about nine miles high, and they can't even make up what it was.

And right standing beneath that, a man that is setting right present now, was right standing there by me, when seven Angels come down from God, visibly standing right there, and told me about the end time, and these revelations and things of the Book of Revelation, the Seven Seals, and said, "Return home, and one by one will bring the Message." That--that's right. And It went right up, and begin to turn white as It went up, on up; and a blast that shook the mountains, till rocks, size of a--of a--a bucket, fell out of the mountains, like that.

33 And nothing was around. Even the newspaper said they checked to see if there was a sound breaker, or a plane, or something. There wasn't nothing, no planes up, nor nothing. Besides, a plane breaker could not do that.

And then it was foretold it'd be that way, six months before it happened, six months. And there it was. And the science searching it today, right there in Tucson and different places, they can't understand what was that up there. And then if you'll get the magazine and look, you can even see the shapes of Their wings is still in there as they're going up, the seven Angels. And we are--know that these things are correct, friends. Oh, if there ever was a time that the church ought to be in deep sincerity, it should be right now. Now.

SHALOM_ SIERRA.VISTA.AZ SUNDAY_ 64-0112

64 But did you notice before the Seven Seals was revealed, before the great mysterious Light showed forth in the heavens up here at above Tucson, Flagstaff, where we were? Brother Fred, two of the men that was--the two men was with me that morning. When that had been told months and months ahead of time would happen... Both Brother Fred Sothmann and Brother Gene Norman setting here this morning, when it--was there when the blast went off, and not knowing these things would take place.

And He sent me back, said that the time was at hand for these Seven Seals which held the seven mysteries of the entire Bible was sealed in with these Seven Seals. And how these angels down along the road, messengers of the church ages, opened to a certain part of that. But in the seventh hour, the seventh messenger, that all these mysteries should be finished. See? The seventh earthly messenger (See?), this angel that He speaks of then was on earth. A "angel" means "messenger." And then, after that, he saw another Angel coming down, not the earthly angel that had been given the Message here, but the--another mighty Angel came from heaven

with a rainbow over Him, and set His foot on the land and sea, and swore by Him that lives forever and ever, "Time shall be no more." See? But before He broke forth on those Seven Seals to reveal them, that He showed miraculous, He showed it first in the heavens.

That day they took pictures all across southern United States and Mexico. There it hangs now in the "Life" magazine, still a mystery to them. But He declares it in the heavens before He does it on earth. He always does that. He shows His signs in the heavens first.

66 And even in the zodiac. Now, I'm not going back to teach zodiac, but I'm just showing you the heavens declare it. In the zodiac we find out in the constellations of the stars, that He declared the whole Bible in the constellation of the--of the zodiac. We find out there that He starts off, the very--very first figure in the zodiac is the virgin, and the last figure in the zodiac is Leo the Lion, showing that Jesus would come first to the earth by a virgin; He'll come the second time as the Lion of the tribe of Juda. See? He goes through the crossed fishes just before that: cancer age, what we're living in now. "And all the heavens declare Him," the Bible said.

THIS.DAY.THIS.SCRIPTURE_ JEFF.IN FRIDAY_ 65-0219

25-3 The "Life" magazine packed an article of it, "Mystic circle of light goes up in the air above Tucson and Phoenix" in the same way that I told you nearly a year before it happened, how it would be in a--like a triangle. The picture hangs in the church down there. You that took that magazine has it. There it was just exactly. They said it was twenty-seven miles high and thirty miles across. They don't understand yet what happened. It appeared mysteriously and went away mysteriously.

And Brother Fred Sothmann, Brother Gene Norman, and I stand there, three as a witness, like it was up on top of the mountain: Peter, James, and John to give witness; stood there and watched it when it happened and seen it done. There it is, hanging in the sky so far there's no humidity, no moisture, nothing to make a--a fog. How could it come there? It was the Angels of God returning back after their Message. This day that prophecy has been fulfilled in our midst. This day this Scripture has been fulfilled.

Watch. Seven Seals has been opened, the whirlwinds to the west coast. Now, don't miss it like they did back yonder. Now, our attention a little closer to our day.

EASTER.SEAL_ PHOENIX.AZ SATURDAY_ 65-0410

35-2 Have I ever told you anything in the Name of the Lord but what happened? If I did, I want you to tell me about it. Every time, hasn't it been perfectly at the platform? Every time hasn't it happened just like He said? This was THUS SAITH THE LORD.

I stood there and looked over in that time, and I seen tens of thousands times thousands coming, young men and women running, throwing their arms around me, screaming. I looked right back and seen myself laying on the bed. Oh, Lord, let me look a-past the curtain of time. What is it? It's quickening power that'll catch us away: that great quickening power.

35-4 The quickening power come in this last days. That's what I'm in Arizona for right now. There's many people setting right here, stood right here in Phoenix and heard me tell you from this

very platform, THUS SAITH THE LORD. (How many remembers it?) Now, goes... Something's fixing to happen.

I saw seven angels come. Didn't "Life" Magazine pack it, just a fog of It floated across here twenty-seven miles high and thirty miles across. Is not Fred Sothmann and these others, Gene Norman and them setting back there, stood right there when them seven Angels appeared right there on the hill? It shook the hills for miles around like that. There stood seven Angels and threw a sword in a hand and said, "Go home and open these Seven Seals that are given." And here they are, the true mystery of marriage and divorce, and the serpent's seed, and all these things that's been fussed about. It's THUS SAITH THE LORD.

What is it? The quickening power coming to the church, making her ready in this hour that we're approaching: quickening power. Oh, God help us to receive it. Help us to believe it. See? Just depends on what attitude you take to It whether It's going to do you any good or not though. See, you have to believe that. If you don't believe it, it won't do you one bit of good.

RISING.OF.THE.SUN_ JEFF.IN SUNDAY_ 65-0418M

1-8 Realizing that our time is limited here, especially for those friends who are listening in by this telephone, I would like to call your attention this morning to a--a picture that some time ago was taken by the camera of a vision that I had here at the Tabernacle of leaving Indiana to Arizona, where I was to meet in the form of a pyramid, seven Angels. Not knowing what would happen, later when I got there, thinking it was the end of my life, that no one could stand the blast... (And I'm sure all of you are acquainted with the story.) And then in Sabino Canyon one morning like this, while in prayer, there had been a sword placed in my hand and said, "This is the Word and--the Sword of the Word."

Later the Angels appeared as was prophesied. And at the same time, a great cluster of--of Light left to where I was standing and moved thirty miles high in the air and around the circle, like the wings of the Angels, and drew into the skies a shape of a pyramid in the same constellation of Angels that appeared.

2-2 Science took the picture all the way from Mexico as it moved from northern Arizona, where the Holy Spirit said I would be standing (forty miles northeast of Tucson). And it went into the air, and "Life" magazine packed the pictures: a mystic something way in the spheres where there can be no moisture, where there can be no evaporations of anything, thirty miles high and twenty-seven miles across and coming right up from where those Angels were.

Now, they asked to know (science); the--one of them at Tucson wanted to know any significance, but I didn't tell them. You all knew it told beforehand, but it wasn't for them; it was for you.

2-4 And so there He spoke to me and said, "The Seven Seals will be opened. The seven mysteries, sevenfold mystery of the Bible that's been closed up since the foundation of the world will be revealed." And we, yet a humble little group compared with all the world, we've enjoyed these blessings and hearing those mysteries: Marriage, Divorce, Serpent's Seed. All those different questions has been completely revealed to us, not by man but by God Himself, that's opened those seven mysteries of what the church was, how it was in Christ at the beginning, and how it would be revealed in the last day.

And now, as this went up... We have the picture outside on the plaque. But then... I have the picture laying present here, if you notice it as "Life" magazine had it. But I wonder if my audience visible here has ever really looked at the picture (See, see?) in the way it should be?

3-1 You remember, I was preaching when this vision came, upon the subject of the Book of the Revelations where the old judges, where we seen Jesus in Revelations 1. When we started to open the Seven Seals--or the--or the church ages, rather, just prior to the opening of the Seven Seals, Christ was standing with hair like wool, white; and I described that to you that the old English judges and judges of long ago, when they went to the bench to be sworn in, their supreme authority was given them; they wore a white wig, as it was, over their heads to show their supreme authority.

3-2 Well, if you'll turn the picture like this and look (and you can probably see it from the audience), it's Christ. See His eyes looking here just as perfect as it could be, wearing the white wig of supreme Deity and Judge of all heavens and earth? Can you see His eyes, nose, His mouth? Just turn the picture from this (the way they had it), this a-way, the way it's supposed to be. And you... Can you see it? He is supreme Judge; there's none other but Him. And that is a perfect identification again, a vindication that this Message is the truth. It is true. And making Him, not a third person, but the only Person with the white...

See, you see the dark, His face, His beard, and His eyes? And notice, He's looking; from Him comes this Light shining on the right-hand side to which He's looking to. And on the cross that's where He looked, to the right, where He pardoned the sinner. In the light of His resurrection we still go forth in His Name.

3-4 I wish, this morning, that I had just--much time to--to spend upon these phenomenas, that's beyond any shadow of doubt been proven for the past thirty years--or thirty-five years right here at this church, since down on the river when that same Light came down here in Jeffersonville in 1933 and spoke those words: "As John the Baptist was sent to forerun the first coming of Christ, your Message will forerun the second." We're at the end time. And we see it. We wonder sometimes why it hasn't spread over the earth; maybe sometime we'll have a chance to explain that, if God willing.

SPIRITUAL.FOOD.IN.DUE.SEASON_ JEFF.IN SUNDAY_ 65-0718E

83 Then back out there at the beginning of the Seven Seals, when those seven Angels come down in that pyramid form, stood there, and told me to return back here and speak on those Seven Seals. He'd be with me. He showed me what they were, the lost things. I always thought it was sealed on the back of the Book and it'd be something wasn't wrote in the Book; but it turned out that it was made known that He cannot do that. It isn't something that's written in the Book... It's something that's been hid in the Book. "For whosoever shall take one Word from It or add one word to It..." So it is a mystery that's been in the Book in these seven church ages. Each one of them produced a--a mystery, all about water baptism, and these other things that they've fumbled about so long.

Then when that went up, the big observatories from way down in California, plumb down in Mexico, over Tucson, everywhere, taking the picture of It. It was a mysterious sight. Brother Fred Sothmann there, setting right back there, and I and Brother Gene Norman, standing right there present when it went up... They took the picture, still they don't know what about it. Here sometime ago, everybody saying, "Looky here at this, looks like this, and the--them angels' wings, how they're folded in there."

85 One day, turning it to the right, looking, there was Jesus Christ just as perfect as Hofmann ever drew Him. It was standing there with a white wig on, looking back down towards the earth, showing that He's supreme Authority. The heavens declare it; the Bible declares it; the Message declares it. It's all the same: Supreme Authority, with the white wig on. You see His black beard under it. Many of you have seen the picture. We got it back there. Just turn it to the right, sideways; look at it. There He is, just as perfect as it was--if it would be photographed of Him. They're looking at it from the wrong angle. You got to look at it in the right angle. And only the Lord God can reveal which is the right angle. Turn it to your right and look at it. There He is just as perfect, and it'd been photographed up there.

The first time I ever seen Him, He looked like a Head of Hofmann. I had never seen that before; and in Billy Sunday's tabernacle years later, I saw it. My house has never been without one of the pictures since.

Then, here in the skies, saying that the very God that I saw up in this vision out here, just a little boy out here by where this schoolhouse stands, He looked like that. And here in the heavens, thirty-three years later, declare it, that it's the truth. That's the way He looks: not some mystic something of somebody's idea.

WORKS.IS.FAITH.EXPRESSED_ SHREVEPORT.LA FRIDAY_ 65-1126

252 It was revealed to me, "I was going to Arizona, and there I'd meet seven Angels. And they'd tell me then what--a Message that I was to preach." And that was the Seven Seals. It happened. How many remembers me saying that, the tapes and things before it happened? And it happened. Magazines, everything else took the picture of It. That Light there in the air, they can't even understand It yet. There it was.

I remember calling Brother Jack and asking him about that, Christ being standing there, and Brother Jack said, "That's in His glorified state." See? I love Brother Jack. He's one of the best theologians I know of, but I just couldn't hit it just right.

I was standing there, I said, "Lord, how is this? Young man here" I said, "with hair like wool." And He said, "He is wigged." Watch in the book, before it ever happened, I said that. And that day when that happened, it went up. And then you turn that picture sideways, if you've got "Look" magazine or "Life" magazine. Turn it sideways. There He is, just perfectly Hofmann's Head of Christ, looking right down where I was standing; there It is in the magazine. How many's ever seen It? 'Course, you've all seen. There, looking right back, proved exactly the revelation was correct.

256 Why wigged? Why, the old English judges, the Jewish judges, used to wear a wig, they do yet in England; when he's... That's supreme authority; he wears a wig. And that showed Him standing there wigged by Angels' wings; He is the Alpha and Omega. He is the supreme Judge, and none other but Him. He is to look upon as Alpha and Omega. And there He was a young Man, no more... thirty years old, wearing a wig of white, showing that He was supreme, God, "The Father hath committed all judgment unto the hands of the Son." Hallelujah. The revelation is never wrong. Speak it anyhow, no matter what it sounds like: goes right with the Word.

TRYING.TO.DO.GOD.A.SERVICE_ SHP.LA SATURDAY_ 65-1127B

63 So then, and going back, I went up in the mountain and I went with Brother Fred Sothmann. He's here somewhere. Brother Fred, where are you at? Right here. Brother Fred Sothmann,

Brother Gene Norman; one day, the second day setting there, the Angel of the Lord came right down into the camp where we was at and begin to tell about their children and things they were doing.

I left and went back on the hill. And I'd already got my javelina; I was trying to chase one around to Brother Fred. So I found where they'd been eating on the side of a hill, and I said, "Well, now, I'll tell you what I'll do, Brother Fred." I said, "Now, you go over on that point in the morning." We go up there at daylight, climb up over the mountain. "And go there at daylight, I'll get over on the other side. Now, I won't shoot one, but if they run this way, I'll shoot in front of them and turn them back. You pick out a big one."

"All right," he said.

66 So Brother Fred went over there. And Brother Gene Norman (I don't think Brother Gene come, did he?), he was--he was on the other side. Many of you know Gene Norman, a bosom friend of many, fine brother. And he went down a little below where the--them pigs, they just wasn't there that morning. I could see Brother Fred, wave at him, he was about a mile away from me. Well, I thought, "Where could they have went?" I went down into a great ravine, and come down; I thought, "I'll see if I can find where they're at." Started back up. It was just a little after daylight; the sun was just begin coming up.

67 And I went around a great big chasm, oh, my, hundreds and hundreds of feet, just great rocks in the great canyon there, them big walls. And it was kindly getting... The sun was raising up, about seven o'clock, I guess, or something like that. And I set down and I was looking around; I happened to look down on my trouser leg and there was that bull-header, burr. And I said, "You know, that seems strange. You know, the Angel of the Lord told me I'd be about forty miles northeast of Tucson; I'd be picking a bull-header off of my leg." You remember I seen it? Uh-huh. See? And I said, "That's strange." I was holding it.

68 And just as I looked up, I seen about twenty hogs about five hundred yards from me, come out eating this little phyllary and laid down. I said, "Now, if I can just get Brother Fred and get him around to that point there, he'll get his hog right there. But I know he's about a mile or two from me now." So I said, "if I could cross over this little ridge without them seeing me, up by this little juniper tree there," I said, "if I get around this side, there's a deer trail comes down this side; I can run up there and get out of the way. And hang a little piece of paper here where I know which one of the fingers to go out on, on the canyon, and get Brother Fred there just in time."

69 I threwed this little bull-header down, forgetting about that, and started across the hill real easy and looked back, they didn't see me, and run down and hit this deer trail. I had a great big black hat on. I started running up through this canyon real fast, and it happened. The whole earth shook, everywhere. Rocks that size rolled down, dust flying like that. And I looked, and standing before me stood seven Angels, just exactly the way it was. I felt like I was standing way up off the ground. First, I thought somebody'd shot me, you know, with that black hat on; looked like a javelina hog, anyhow, you know, they're dark. I thought somebody'd shot me, such a... right close. And I--I seen then what it was. Well, as soon as... I got my commission, and the Scripture, "The Seven Seals which is the seven mysteries..." See?

71 Someone said to me, said, "Now..." Oh, he said, "Well, now, someday the Lord, probably you seeing visions, Brother Branham, will reveal to you what these things are; we can all get closer to God and have more power than we get in speaking in tongues and things." I said, "It can't be that way."

'Cause, see, I believe the Word to be the Truth. And the Bible said, "Whosoever shall add one word or take one Word from It." It has to be in this Word. See? It's the mysteries that the people's overlooked. Well, right there is where come my Message of serpent seed and the true belief of the security of the believer.

74 I'm not disgrading my Presbyterian brethren there, and some of you Baptist brethren on the way you have security. I'm not saying this to be different, but you didn't have it just right. See? That's right. See? But I had it wrong too. But when an Angel stands from heaven and tells you, and here it is right in the Scripture, that--that's true. See? That's right. See, He always speaks exact with the Scripture.

75 In there I watched it until that circle went up, started sweeping up, and they turned into like a mystic light, like a fog. Just exactly the way... How many seen the picture of It that was taken in Houston? Nearly all. See? Well, that's just the way this was. It turned into the same thing, It kept going higher and higher.

I was running and running, trying to find Brother Fred and them. After while, about a half hour later, I could see him way down, waving his hands; and Brother Gene coming, waving. They knowed something had happened. And so then I got with them. That's Brother Fred setting right there.

77 As it went up, I didn't know that the observatories and things, plumb into Mexico, was taking that picture. "Life" magazine packed it as It went up. And many of you... Here's "Life" magazine packing the picture of It. A mysterious thing here, they said they don't know where it come from; it's too high. It's above all the spheres and everything else to be... It's too high for fog, because it's thirty miles high and twenty-seven miles across after it got up that high. There's not even humidity nor nothing up there. You see?

78 And they thought of a plane; so they checked all the places, no planes up that day. See, they have to, on account of shaking windows and things. "There's no planes up." Here it is right here in the magazine, will tell you the same thing. And--and it went on and on. And today right in the...

Here it is in "Science" magazine, where they can't understand; they don't know what It is. Tucson, at the university, a friend of mine went over the other day and was talking to them about it. Said, "We can't understand what..."

I said, "Don't say nothing, don't do no good. 'Cast not your pearls before swine.'" See? It's to the church, to the elected, the called-out. See?

82 And then each one was coming, saying, "Brother Branham, I see your picture here. I see this. I..." You know how it is. But that--that long sweep as this brother has on here where its... Excuse me [Brother Branham gets the photograph--Ed.]. Here's the way It started up, sweeping up. Actually this was on the right hand side. And you all remember I said, "The noted Angel was the one that talked to me, was on the right hand side," even before it happened. You remember? His wings pointed back like that, that's exactly the wings of that Angel as it went up. See, as it... So they started taking the pictures because it was so mysterious. But when the last picture, when It formed Itself into the skies and so forth, this is it as "Look" here packed it. You see how it rose up just as they begin to see it. You see? And there comes the--the real main and last picture, when it formed.

83 They don't know where it come from or where it went; they don't know yet. Science is completely stumped about it, don't know what happened. But we know; "there shall be signs in the heaven above." We know it. See? And He promised these things. See? And the only thing that this was permitted to be taken...