

1. God's Word is a revelation



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50 And, then, **the Book is a revelation**. So, a revelation is **something that's made known** of something, something that's been revealed. And now, notice, so you won't forget it, it is "closed up until the latter times." See? The whole mystery of It is

"closed up until the latter times." We find that in the Scripture here.

51 Now, **the mystery of the Book are revealed when the Seals are broken**. And when the Seals **completely are broken**, the time of redemption is over; because the Lamb left the intercession booth, to walk out to take His claims. He was a Mediator, between that. But when the real revelation happens on the Seals, as They begin to break, the Lamb is coming forth from the sanctuary. It's according to the Word. We read it last night. He come from the...out of the midst, and took the Book, so He's no more Mediator. Because, even they **called Him a Lion, and that's—that's the King**, and He is not a Mediator then.

2. Christ stays as intercessor till each name is manifested on earth

59 Now, the Lamb, in the time of intercessory back *here*, He knew that there were names in there that was put in there from the foundation of the world. **And as long as them names have never been manifested on earth as yet,** He had to stay there as Intercessor. Do you get it? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] Perfectly, predestination! See?



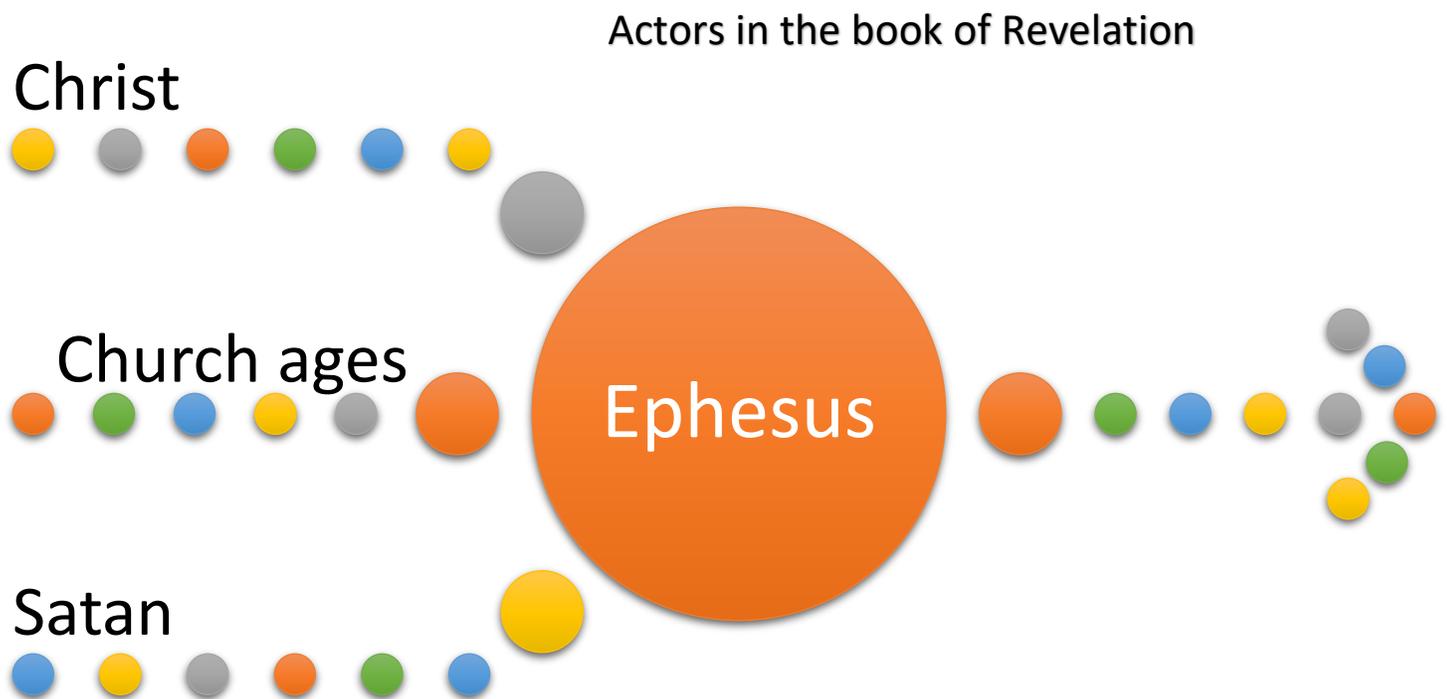
All right. He had to stay there, **because He came to die for those that God had ordained to Eternal Life.** See? See? By His foreknowledge, He saw them. Not by His Own will; His will was that none should perish. But by His foreknowledge He knew who would and who would not. Therefore, as long as there was one name hadn't, never yet been 'clared—declared in earth, Christ had to stay there as an Intercessor, to take care of that name.

60 **But as soon as that final name had been splashed in that Clorox or bleach, then His intercessory days was over.** "Let him that's filthy be filthy still. Let him that's holy, he is holy still." See? And He leaves the sanctuary and then it becomes a Judgment Seat. Woe unto those outside of Christ then!

3. Christ reveals Himself to the 7 church ages

55 Now—now, you see, it's only an actor's form. That's the reason they are all in parables and sy-...and the way they are here, like beasts, and animals, so forth. It's in an act. And these actors begin in the first church age, because it was Christ revealing Himself to the seven church ages. Now you understand it? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] All right. See? **Christ revealing Himself to the seven church ages.**

57 But not then revealed in their true state. Now, in the Bible times, the mysteries were there, and they seen these things happen the way John saw it here. Now he said, "There is a white-horse rider." **But, what the mystery of it is, there's a mystery that goes with that rider.** Now, what it was, they didn't know, but it's to be revealed. But it is to be revealed after the Lamb leaves the Father's Throne, of His intercessory as Kinsman Redeemer.



4. Revelation brings overcoming power

The Revelation Of Jesus Christ

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Thus Satan knows assuredly that the original church at Pentecost with the power of God (Mark 16 in action) is the True Church that Jesus claims as His own. **All else is false.** It has to be.

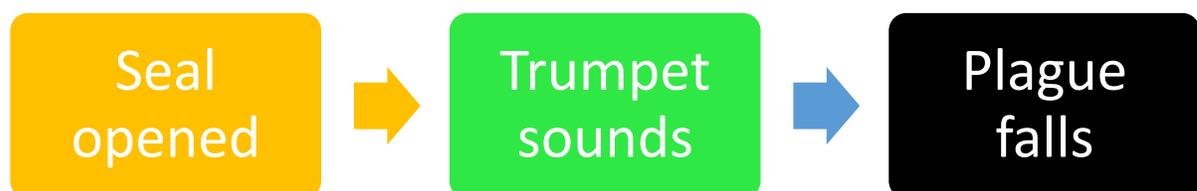
...He knows that if the people get the TRUE REVELATION of the TRUE CHURCH and what she is, what she stands for and that SHE CAN DO THE GREATER WORKS, she will be an invincible army. If they get a true revelation of the **two spirits** within the framework of the Christian church, and **by God's Spirit** discern and withstand the antichrist spirit, **Satan will be powerless before her.**

He will be as definitely thwarted today as when Christ withstood his every effort to gain power over Him in the desert. Yes, Satan hates revelation. But we love it. With **true revelation in our lives**, the gates of hell cannot prevail against us, but **we will prevail over them.**

5. God's plan

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63 Notice what happens, as we go along. Here is the plan of it. The first thing happens, there is a—a—an announcement in the Heavens, first. What happens? A Seal is opened. What is that? A mystery is unfolded. See? And when a mystery unfolds, then a trumpet sounds. It declares a war. A plague falls, and a church age opened. See?



64 What is the “war” part? The angel of the Church catches the mystery of God, not fully yet revealed. But, when he does, he catches this mystery of God, and then he goes forth to the people after the mystery has been given to him. Goes forth to the people! What does he do out there? He begins to proclaim that Message. And what does it start? A war, a spiritual war.



68 Until, it comes to that last angel. Now, he has no certain mystery. But he gathers up all that's been lost in them other ages, all the Truths that wasn't truly revealed yet, see, as the revelation come, then he reveals those things in his day. If you want to read it, there it is. Revelation 10, 1 to...1 to about 4, you'll get it. All right. See? “Takes the Book and, of Seals, and breaks them,” and shows the seventh angel; **for this alone, the mysteries of God, is the ministry of the seventh angel.** Now, we just come through the church ages, with even history, and prove that. See?

It is the—the angel's Message, of the seventh church, all right, **reveals all the mysteries that's been in the past, all the things in the past.** Revelation 10:1-7, that's to be. Now, remember, “In the days of the

seventh angel, his sounding forth, blasting forth the Gospel trumpet, he is to finish all the mysteries of God.”

6. Rapture is a secret

97 Jesus said, “As it was in the days of Noah,” now you talk to Him about it, see, “wherein eight souls were saved by water, so shall it be in the Coming of the Son of man.” If they was eight hundred went in the Rapture tonight, you would never hear a word about it tomorrow, or the next day, or no other time. They’d be gone and you’d know nothing about it. See, it’d just be the same thing.

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118 And they were separated, like the sheep from the goats. That’s right. There is the church members come up. And if they heard the Truth and rejected the Truth, then what’s going to be said when the big thing is spread across the canvas, when even your own thoughts will be there, what you thought about It? How you going to escape it, and it right there on the canvas of the skies, and God’s great television there. It’s your own thoughts rebelling. Your own thoughts will speak against you in that hour.

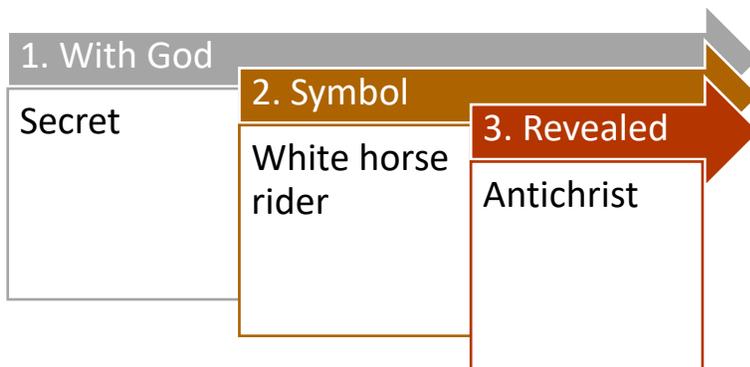
119 So if you speak one thing, and think another, you better stop that. Get your thoughts on God. **Keep them pure, and stay right there with it, and speak the same thing all the time.** See? Don’t say, “Well, I’ll say I’ll believe It, but I’ll go find out.” You believe It! Amen.

7. Christ claims His Inheritance

133 Then He comes from His Throne, His Father’s Throne, walks forward, takes the Book out of God’s hand, from the Throne, and claims His right. **The first thing He does** is call for His Bride. Amen! Then what does He take? He takes His opponent, Satan, and binds him, and casts him into the fire out there, with all that followed him.

8. Thunder from the Throne

148 And, notice, the First Seal opened. The First Seal, when It was opened in the symbol form, it thundered. Now what about when It's opened in Its reality form? My...It thundered as soon as the Lamb



struck back the Seal. And what did It reveal? Not all of Itself. First, It's **with God**; next, It's **in a symbol**; then, **It's revealed**. Three things. See? It's coming forth from the Throne.

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150 It thundered when He spoke It out. And when He did, a white-horse rider started out, and It still was a symbol. Now watch, He said It would be known in the last day. But It comes forth in a church symbol. Do you understand it, church? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] It comes forth in a—a symbol of a church, that they know there is a Seal. But just what It is, yet, they don't know, because It's a white-horse rider.

151 And only is to be revealed at the last day, when this actual Seal is broken. Broken to who? **Not to Christ, but to the Church.** Notice, now. Oh, my, that just makes me tremble! I—I—I hope that the Church truly understands It, what I mean, you people. I'm going to call you Bride, see, that You'll understand It.

152 The Voice is a Thunder. The Voice came from where? From the Throne where the Lamb had just left, as Intercessor. **Now He is standing here to take His position and His claims.** But the Thunder came from the inside of the Throne, thundered out. And the Lamb was standing out here. The Thunder, where the Lamb had left. Left the Father's Throne, to go to take His Own Throne. Glory! Now, now don't miss it, friends.

9. [Redemption has an effect upon the elected](#)

163 He heard the noise of a thunder. And one of the Beasts said, "Now come, see."

164 In other words, now, *here* stands the Lamb, and John standing out there watching it happen. The Lamb come up from the Throne, like He had been slain, Blood all over Him. He was the One that was found worthy. And when He reached over and took the Book, then everything began to shouting, and screaming, and carrying on, you see, 'cause they know redemption was paid for.

165 Now He has come to claim His Own. So, He takes the Book, stands out there before John, and He pulls It back and breaks the Seal. Pulls the Seal down! And when He pulls the Seal down, a Thunder clapped through the place. And when a Thunder clapped, no doubt John might have jumped up in the air, when a Thunder roared.

166 And then one of the four Beasts said, “Now come, see what It is, what’s revealed beneath here.” Oh, my! “John, write what you seen.” So John goes to look, see what It was. John goes to see what the Thunder said. It’s then that this Creature told John, “Come, see what the mystery is under the First Seal.” [Brother Branham knocks on the pulpit four times—Ed.] The Thunder, the Voice of the Creator has uttered It. Now, He ought to know what’s There. See? Oh, my! But, think now, he wrote This.

10. What does this mystery mean?

268 My revelation, by the Holy Spirit, is: Christ and the Holy Spirit is the self-same Person, only in a different form. So, *here* stands Christ, the Lamb. We know He was the Lamb. He was standing *here* with the Books in His hand; and *there* goes the white horse rider, see, so it wasn’t the Holy Spirit.

269 Now, that’s one of the mysteries of the last days, how that Christ can be the three persons in One. It’s not three different people, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, being three Gods, as the trinitarians try

to tell us It is. It's three, it's three manifestations of the same Person.
Or, you might call it three offices

288 Notice, the rider on the white horse don't have any name. He might use two or three titles, see, but he hasn't got any name.

289 But Christ has a Name! What is it? The Word of God. That's what it is. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word, made flesh." See? The rider has no name, but Christ is called "The Word of God." That's what He is. He is called that. Now He's got a Name that no man knows; but He's called, "The Word of God."

This guy isn't called nothing, see, but he's on a white horse.

290 The rider has no arrows for his bow. Did you notice? He had a bow, but there's nothing said about having any arrows, so he must be a bluffer. Right. Maybe he's got a lot of thunder, and no lightning. But you find out, Christ had both lightning and thunder, for out of His mouth goes a sharp two-edged Sword, and He smites the nations with It. This guy can't smite nothing, see, but he's playing the part of a hypocrite. He is going forth, riding on a white horse, going out to conquer.

291 Christ has a sharp Sword, and, watch, It comes from His mouth. **The living Word, that's, Word of God revealed to His**

servants. Like He said to Moses, “Go, stand there, and hold that stick out yonder; call for flies,” and there was flies. Sure. What ever he said, He done it; and it come to pass, His living Word. God and His Word is the self-same Person. God is the Word.

294 “A white-horse rider went out.” See? Who is he? He is mighty in his conquering power. He is a great fellow in his conquering power. You want me to tell you who he is? He is the antichrist. Exactly what he is. Now, because, you see, if an antichrist; Jesus said, that, “The two would be so close together until it would deceive the very Elected (the Bride) if it was possible.” Antichrist, it’s the antichrist spirit.

297 Look, he starts out to conquer. Notice, he has no crown. The white-horse rider, I’m speaking of here. See? “A bow; and a crown was given him, afterwards.” See? He had no crown, to start with, **but a crown was given him.** Notice, later he was given a crown, yeah, three of them, three on one. That was three hundred years later, at the Nicaea Council. When he started out, a spirit of Nicolaitane, to form an organization among the people. And then it kept on, going on, going on, become “a saying,” then it become “a doctrine.”

298 You remember, Christ speaking back to the church, said, “Thou hatest the deeds of these Nicolaitanes, which I hate, too.” Trying to

conquer, take the Holy Spirit just only one holy man; he could forgive all the sins and everything.

299 And we just read it over there, Paul spoke of it. That thing would sit in the last days. And he couldn't be revealed till the last days. "Then, He that letteth, will take the Spirit of God out of there; and then he'll reveal himself."

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302 Glory! Notice! And when this Holy Spirit that we have becomes incarnate to us, the One that's in our midst now in the form of the Holy Ghost, **becomes incarnate to us**, in the Person of Jesus Christ, we'll crown Him King of kings. That's right. See?

379 Now, notice, he'll conquer. And almost has in his grip right now, while he is still antichrist, before he becomes beast. You talk about cruel punishment? You just wait. [Brother Branham knocks on the pulpit four times—Ed.] Watch what them that's left here on earth will have to go through with. Uh-huh. "There will be weeping, and wailing, and gnashing of teeth. For the dragon, Rome, spurted water out of his mouth, to make war with the remnant of the woman's seed, that was left upon the earth after the Bride had been selected and took out. And the dragon made war with the remnant, didn't want to come in, and was hunted down."

380 And the real Church would go through that if it was possible; but, you see, they are done under this Blood, by the grace of Christ, and cannot go through any Tribulation. They have no Tribulation period. The next thing for the Church is Rapture. Amen, and amen! Praise to God. Oh, how I love this!