TEXT:

"The Elect In The Rapture"

LUKE 21:34 - 36

Parallels MATTHEW 24

- And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with <u>surfeiting</u> [a headache caused by excessive drinking; the giddiness and headache caused by drinking wine to excess], and drunkenness, <u>and cares of this life</u>, and so that day come upon you unawares.
 - 35 For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.
- Watch ye therefore, and <u>PRAY ALWAYS</u>, <u>that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall</u> **come to pass**, and to stand before the Son of man.

[PRAYING ALWAYS - doesn't mean they will "escape," but there is a "worthiness" that must be attributed to the "Prayer" as well. Just Praying is not it; It is the FOCUS of the "Prayer."]

- * Pay particular attention to these next Scriptures because it is going to Set-forth the Election in the Rapture I THESSALONIANS 5:9 10
- 9 For God hath <u>not appointed</u> <u>US</u> <u>to wrath</u>, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, [a particular, designated Group "US" is not appointed to Wrath]
 - Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

II THESSALONIANS 2:13 - 14

- ¶ But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God <u>hath from</u> the <u>beginning CHOSEN YOU</u> to <u>salvation</u> [which is of course: justification by faith] through <u>sanctification of the Spirit</u> [sanctification] and belief of the truth [What is the Baptism of the Holy Ghost? Receiving the Message for the Hour you Live]:
 - Whereunto he CALLED YOU by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A FORM OF RELIGION

TRIBULATION FOR PURIFICATION:

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS- JEFF.IN COD SUN- 64-0823M

953-151 See, the <u>Gentile Bride</u> is in heaven, and the <u>sleeping virgin</u>, the <u>Gentile virgin</u>, is not to be saved during that <u>time</u>; <u>she's already been saved</u>, <u>but has been rejected in the Bride</u>. <u>And she only goes through the TRIBULATION PERIOD</u> for the <u>time</u> of <u>purification</u>, because <u>she has rejected</u> <u>Christ</u>, <u>the Word</u>, <u>for her purification</u>.

DRESS PATTERN:

QA.ON.GENESIS- JEFF.IN COD WEDNESDAY- 53-0729

54-268 What is a <u>remnant</u>? The piece that's cut, left, same kind of goods. Is that right? You go to cut you a dress out of calico, and you <u>spread out a big piece of calico</u> and <u>cut it out</u>. <u>It's your business where you lay the pattern</u>. <u>It's God's business where He lays the pattern</u>; <u>He cuts her right out</u>. Is that right? And now this, rest of this calico left here, is just as good a calico as in the dress. Is that right? But it's <u>God's ELECTION</u>. God <u>ELECTS</u> His church; God <u>PREDESTINATES</u> His church; God <u>FOREORDAINED</u> that, <u>ORDAINS</u> His church; and He takes that church out. <u>And the <u>remnant</u> is left to go through the <u>TRIBULATION PERIOD</u>.</u>

GOD'S MINT:

ROMANS 8:29

29 ¶ For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

"For those whom he did foreknow, He did previously mark out copies of the likeness of the son of Himself"

PLACEMENT OF PATTERN

CHURCH GOES THROUGH TRIBULATION:

QA.ON.THE.SEALS- JEFF.IN SUNDAY- 63-0324M

488-3 {199} They go into the <u>TRIBULATION</u>. They are martyred in the <u>TRIBULATION</u>, come up in the last after the millennium for their judgment (See?), because the Bible said that the rest of the living... the rest of the dead lived not until the thousand years was expired. Then there was a resurrection, and then come forth the both just and unjust and was judged by Christ and the Bride.

488-4 {201} The church, the people that's in denominations that are genuine Christians who's receives the message... And they will never see it. It'll never be preached to them. And those in a mixed crowd (who it is preached to), it'll go right over the top of their head unless their name was on the Lamb's Book of Life. That's right. But they will be good people, and they'd be raised up again and given trial, and be judged by the very group that preached to them. Don't you know the saints will judge the earth? ... by the very same people witnessed to them of the message to come out of it.

IF THEY WERE WORD BORN - GO IN THE RAPTURE

BRIDE DON'T GO IN TRIBULATION:

QUESTIONS,AND,ANSWERS- JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY- 64-0823E

1044-Q-324 324. What is going to happen if we are not going through the tribulation? Are we to be-be seen-same-some suffering?

Look. The people are wanting to say that, thinking that the church is going to hit the <u>TRIBULATION</u>. See? <u>It won't</u>; <u>It can't</u> (See?), <u>because It's already redeemed</u>.

Now, <u>the church</u>, the <u>nominal believers</u> like <u>Lot</u>, he's going through the <u>TRIBULATION PERIOD</u> (See?) and be saved as if it was by fire. <u>Noah</u> went through the <u>TRIBULATION PERIOD</u>, But <u>Abraham</u> brought forth the Royal Seed, brought forth the Seed of the promise. <u>Enoch went to glory in the rapture</u>, just took a walk and went home. He never went through the <u>TRIBULATION PERIOD</u>.

ONLY BRIDE GOES IN RAPTURE:

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS- JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY- 64-0823E

They will not raise in the first resurrection: "The rest of the dead lived not for a thousand years," just the forcordained, predestinated, elected BRIDE, God's OWN ELECTIONS. "Who is it, Brother Branham?" I don't know? I can't tell you who it is, but I know it's going to be there, 'cause the Lord said they would. See? They are the ones that'll go up from the TRIBULATION, but the rest of them will go through the TRIBULATION, go down, and everything will be killed before the MILLENNIUM. Then the--the righteous shall come out in the MILLENNIUM and live a thousand years.

WHY THEM & NOT US?

WHY IS THE PREACHING SO HARD?

PURGATORY:

PERSEVERANCE- CHICAGO.IL SUNDAY- 62-0520

E-58 Someone asked me the other day, he said, "Why, Brother Branham, don't you believe in <u>purgatory</u>?" I said, "Sure, I believe in <u>PURGATORY</u>."

Said, "Well, fine." Said, "That's good." Said, "You know..."

I said, "But I don't believe that after you die some priest to pray you out of it, or some preacher." I said, "I believe in PURGATORY, sure, purging your soul. But we do that now. When we do something wrong, let's get down and have a PURGATORY, say, 'God, cleanse me. Take the thing out of me and purge me, wash me, make me new.' I believe in purging my soul. Yes, sir. I do that daily. I'm in PURGATORY daily then (See?), so, just purging my soul every day before God."

REJECT THE PURGING NOW

GO THROUGH PURGING NOW:

SUPER.SIGN- S.GATE.CA SUNDAY- 62-0624

E-60 Somebody said the other day, "Do you believe in **PURGATORY**?"

I said, "Yes, sir." I said, "Not the kind you pay some priest that prayed for you. I believe that God <u>purges</u> <u>our souls right</u> <u>now</u>, and we go through a time of <u>cleansing</u>, of <u>purging</u> out the dross." Certainly.

GOD GETTING ALL THE BRIDE READY AT ONCE?

PURGE:

PROVERBS 16:6

6 ¶ By mercy and truth iniquity is purged:

JOHN 15:2

2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he <u>purgeth</u> it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

I CORINTHIANS 5:6 - 7

- 6 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?
- 7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened.

WHAT IS ON GOD'S MIND?

EACH SUNDAY - PURGATORY:

END.TIME.EVANGELISM--JEFF.IN SUN- 62-0603

4 And <u>EACH SUNDAY</u> and each day we go through a <u>PURGATORY</u>, that is, <u>purging</u> our souls by His Holy Spirit from our sins.

WHAT IF YOU WENT TO A CHURCH - NO PURGE PREACHING?

BECAUSE SHE REJECTS THE WORD FOR HER PURIFICATION:

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS-JEFF.IN COD 64-0823M

954-155 "What about the people that believe in the Lord now and not the way you preach?"

They don't have to believe this. They don't have to believe the way I preach it. See? Don't have to believe that. "... for the last day Message. Will they be saved?" Yes, if they believe the Lord. See? And if they disagree and say, "I don't believe He's the Word. I don't believe that this is right. I don't believe in the baptism of the Holy Ghost," that shows where they're headed for, the TRIBULATION PERIOD.

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS-JEFF.IN COD SUN- 64-0823M

And she only goes through the <u>TRIBULATION PERIOD</u> for the <u>time of purification</u>, <u>because</u> <u>she</u> <u>has rejected</u> <u>Christ</u>, <u>the Word</u>, <u>for her purification</u>.

REFUSE PURGING

NOT ACTUALLY UNDER THE BLOOD:

FIRST.SEAL.THE- JEFF.IN MONDAY- 63-0318

134-4 {120} Notice, these type, the reason they die out, they go through the purging of trial of the **TRIBULATION**; because they're not actually under the Blood. They claim they are, but they're not.

THEY THINK THEY ARE UNDER THE BLOOD

HOW DO WE COME UNDER THE BLOOD?

LJOHN 1:7

7 <u>But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light</u>, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son CLEANSETH [purge] us from ALL sin.

OBEDIENCE TO THE LIGHT OF THE DAY

VOICE OF THE BLOOD:

TOKEN.THE- SHREVEPORT.LA V-17 N-6 THURSDAY- 63-1128E

The <u>Blood</u> is speaking. Then the <u>Blood's got a <u>VOICE</u>. And the <u>VOICE</u> of the <u>Blood</u> is <u>the Word</u>. Hallelujah. That's what makes it whether it's right or wrong. The Word is identified by the <u>VOICE</u> of the <u>Blood</u>. The <u>VOICE</u> of the <u>Blood</u> is <u>the Holy Ghost that brings Life</u>. It is Life, and It brings Life to the Word and quickens It.</u>

TOKEN.THE- BAKF.CA V-22 N-8 SATURDAY- 64-0208

Does the **Blood** speak, can it speak, that Token speak? Yes, sir.

Genesis 4:10, the <u>VOICE</u> of the **blood** of Abel <u>cried</u> out against Cain. We find out in Hebrews 12:24 that the **Blood** of Jesus Christ <u>speaks</u> better things. The **Blood** <u>speaks</u>. How can the chemistry <u>speak? It's the life that's in the blood that does the speaking. <u>It's the Holy Spirit</u>. It speaks plain. And then we see it come back and identify what it said. It's... There's nothing else left but to believe it (That's right.), to receive it.</u>

THE BLOOD PURGES US NOW:

FIRST.SEAL.THE- JEFF.IN MONDAY- 63-0318

134-4 {120} Notice, these type, the reason they die out, they go through the purging of trial of the <u>TRIBULATION</u>; because they're not actually under the <u>Blood</u>. They claim they are, but they're not.

How can they go through a trial to purify them when the bleach Blood of Jesus Christ takes every symptom of sin and stuff away from you. And you're already dead, and your life is hid in Him through God and sealed in there by the Holy Ghost; what are you going to be judged for? Where you going to get your purification? What do you have to be purified from when you're perfectly in Christ, sinless? How... What's the judgment for? But it's this sleeping bunch that them people can't make out.

SINCERE; GOOD WOMAN:

SEVENTH.SEAL.THE- JEFF.IN SUNDAY- 63-0324E

545-1 {141} the purged church, not the Bride, the purged church by tribulation (See, see?) coming up here, great number of <u>real sincere hearts</u> that come up out of the <u>GREAT TRIBULATION</u>.

555-2 {225} Now, if God's going to purge that virgin that <u>was a good woman</u>, but she just failed to get oil in her lamp, and He's going to purge her through persecution in there, He puts them tribes right in there for the same thing, and purges them during the time of the <u>TRIBULATION PERIOD</u>, because it is a purging;

THEN WHY DOES SHE GO THROUGH?

SEVENTH.SEAL.THE- JEFF.IN SUNDAY- 63-0324E

574-7 {386} Now, we find out also in this that the Sixth Seal now being opened, it was for a threefold purpose. Now, here was the purposes: The <u>first thing</u> was that the sleeping virgins had to go through the <u>TRIBULATION PERIOD</u> for purification. She had to be <u>PURGED</u> of her sins of <u>unbelief and rejecting the message</u>. This she was done in the <u>TRIBULATION PERIOD</u>.

575-2 {388} Now, she's not the Bride, but it's the church, the <u>pure people that didn't have the opportunity</u>, <u>maybe</u>, <u>to receive the message</u>, <u>or in some way that they were blinded by these false prophets</u>, <u>and they didn't get a chance</u>, <u>and yet they're really sincere in heart</u>, and God knows their heart, and here they're <u>purged</u> during this time.

THE PURE PEOPLE?

THE BRIDE GOES IN THE RAPTURE:

JESUS, CHRIST, THE, SAME HOT, SPRINGS, AR THURS -63-0627

251 <u>the church</u> goes through the <u>TRIBULATION</u>, the sixth seal, to <u>purify</u> it. That's right. But <u>the Bride</u> <u>don't</u>; <u>she goes</u> in the rapture before that.

HOW CAN THE BRIDE BE PURE?

THE CHURCH REJECTED THE BLOOD:

TOKEN.THE- SHREVEPORT.LA THURSDAY- 63-1128E

Most all ministers believe that <u>the Church</u> goes through the <u>TRIBULATION PERIOD</u>, for <u>purification</u>; I can't see it. The Blood of Jesus Christ is our <u>purification</u>, I believe that the church, <u>the denominational church and the sleeping</u> <u>virgin</u>, does go through the <u>TRIBULATION</u>, <u>but not THE BRIDE</u>. There's a difference between the church and the Bride. <u>THE</u>

BRIDE goes in the rapture.

PERSEVERANT— CHICAGO.IL FRIDAY— 63-0802

97 Someone discussing that with me not long ago, said, "The church will have to go through for a <u>purification</u>." I said, "That is true, because she rejected the Blood."

But if the <u>TRIBULATION PERIOD</u> catches the Bride, His Own Wife, in the <u>TRIBULATION</u>? No, sir. The Blood of Jesus Christ has cleansed us from all sin, and there's no more purifying. And the Blood of Jesus Christ, and <u>that Token</u>, as identification that it has been purified (Amen.), that's the Token of the Bride wearing the ring.

BECAUSE SHE REJECTED THE BLOOD?

THE CHEMISTRY OF THE BLOOD?

TOKEN.THE- DALLAS.TX SUNDAY- 64-0308

24 the <u>chemistry of the blood</u> was on the doors. They passed through, the death Angel had to look and see the <u>blood</u>. Now, again, it was a type of the Holy Spirit.

Now, see, the <u>literal Blood</u> of Jesus <u>could not come upon each one of us</u>, <u>because He just had so much Blood in His body</u>. <u>And it's dripped out of His body into the ground</u>, <u>two thousand years ago</u>; <u>but it wasn't to be for a Token</u>. <u>The Life</u>, <u>the Life</u> that was in the <u>Blood</u> was the <u>Token NOW</u>.

WHERE WILL THE SINNER & UNGODLY APPEAR:

FUTURE.HOME- JEFF.IN SUN-64-0802

20-4 NOAH was a type of the remnant that's carried over, not the translated bunch. ENOCH, one man, went in the rapture before the flood came, showing that the Church (Bride) does not go into the TRIBULATION or anything around it. ENOCH was translated: one man. Oh, the church may be a number but the Bride is going to be a very small group, that'll make up the Bride. Now, the church may be a great number, but the Bride... You see, compare eight with one. Eight times less will be the Bride than the church.

"And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where will the sinner and the ungodly appear?"

TO WEAR THE BRAND:

GOD.OF.THIS.EVIL.AGE- JEFF.IN SUN- 65-0801M

145 It's the devil..., bringing his beautiful church bride to the <u>ecumenical council</u> for a wedding, his beautiful scientific church with all the degrees that can be gotten, the Ph.D's., out of the Church of Christ, the Ph.D's., out of the Baptist, Presbyterian, Pentecostals, and all, bringing them all with their decorated fineries and big churches, all to the <u>ecumenical council</u>, "We are one." <u>It'll never be forgiven them</u>.

To wear the brand of a denomination is the mark of the beast.

SATAN'S.EDEN- JEFF.IN SUN-65-0829

17-1 They're all uniting together now at the great <u>Ecumenical Council</u>, and going to have the world church, all coming under one head where Satan will be throned, just exactly. And the last call's going out to catch the Bride before She gets into that. For once in that, <u>she's took the mark of the beast</u>, and doomed. She'll never come out of it. That's the reason it said, "Come out from among them, My people, <u>BEFORE IT GOES INTO HIM</u>. See? Come out from among them, and be ye separated."

THE MARK OF THE BEAST:

SOULS.IN.PRISON.NOW- JEFF.IN SUN-63-1110M

36-1 And how I predicted then that the time would come when this **Ecumenical Council** would **finally become the mark of** the beast, because it would unite with the beast.

WHAT.SHALL.I.DO.WITH.JESUS- JEFF.IN SUN-63-1124M

87 And still in all of that their systems are desiring a <u>council of churches</u> to condemn the Truth, desiring a murderer that would shut off, or stop, or sell out; and it'll do it. They'll stop such a thing, and the council of churches will have to do it. <u>There's the mark of the beast</u>: <u>antichrist--against the Word</u>, <u>which is Christ</u>.

GOD.IS.HIS.OWN.INTERPRETER- BAKF.CA WED-64-0205

I can see things as they're shaping, see this <u>Ecumenical council</u> leading all the churches into it, <u>into the mark of the beast</u>, and see the Roman Empire and what it's doing, and all the rest of them, see them getting together, shutting out the Light, shutting off the Gospel. <u>Everybody have to belong to it and walk in their lights or you won't walk at all.</u>

DOES.GOD.CHANGE.HIS.MIND- JEFF.IN SUN-65-0418E

And I am thinking that the great enemy of the Christian society today is the organized churches. I do believe with all my heart that it'll finally form into the mark of the beast (which I can-think I can prove that by the Bible with God's help. I have already done it.)--that it will form into the mark of the beast in the federation of the churches.

SHE WILL GIVE BIRTH:

CHOOSING.OF.A.BRIDE- LA.CA THUR-65-0429E

26-1 And we find today that <u>the modern world church</u> and also that <u>the spiritual church</u> <u>are both pregnated to give birth to sons</u>. One of them, <u>a denominational birth</u> is going to be give one of day--these days at the <u>World Council of Churches</u>, which <u>will produce to the world the antichrist through a denomination</u>. That's exactly the truth. I may not live to see it. I believe I will. But you young people remember that you heard a minister say that, <u>that it'll finally wind up that is the mark of the Beast</u>. When she forms that <u>World Council of Churches</u>, and she'll give birth to her son the antichrist.

HOW WILL THE FOOLISH VIRGIN MAKE IT?

ANOINTINGS OF THE 6th & 7th SEALS...

SAVED FROM WRATH:

ROMANS 5:8 - 9

- 8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
- 9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be **SAVED FROM WRATH** through him.