"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." (Heb 13:8)

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Warmest greetings to all Brothers and Sisters worldwide in the precious Name of our LORD Jesus Christ with His Own words from the high-priestly prayer:

"I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." (Jn 17:4).

After all, it was God's counsel: "... having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him ..." (Col 1:19-20a).

The following has also become true for all eternity: "In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight ..." (Col 1:22)

His victory is our victory. "And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it." (Col 2:15).

"From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified." (Heb 10:13-14).

The resurrection of the LORD was the visible evidence and the triumph that death, hell, and Satan are conquered. In his first sermon, Peter made reference to what is written already in Ps 16:8-11: "Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." (Acts 2:27).

The risen LORD could proclaim the message of victory unto His Own: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." (Mat 28:18). At the Rapture, we shall likewise exclaim: "But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our LORD Jesus Christ." (1 Cor 15:57).

Our Redeemer has finished the work of redemption as it is written in Isa 42:1-4 and confirmed in Mat 12:17-21. Even a smoking flax shall He not quench until He has completed all things and has sent forth judgment unto victory with all the overcomers. Amen.

After our LORD spoke with the apostles for forty days <u>about the Kingdom of God</u> (Acts 1:1-8) following His glorious resurrection, He was taken up to heaven in a cloud before their eyes (v. 9). Right after, two men in white garments stood by them and declared, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, <u>shall so come in like manner</u> as ye have seen him go into heaven." (vv. 10-11). Our LORD remained with them "Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen ..." (Acts 1:2).

In doing so, He placed the emphasis on the promise of the Father (vv. 4-5), namely to be baptized and filled with the Holy Ghost and thereby receive the divine power to be His witnesses. Then He was taken up in a cloud before their eyes. According to the Scripture, He will return in like manner, and we shall be caught up in the clouds to meet Him in the air (1 Ths 4:17) – not somewhere on earth.

In Acts 2 we read the report about the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as already announced in the Prophet Joel, chapter 2, and by John the Baptist with the following words: "... *he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire* ..." (Mat 3:11). It was also confirmed by our LORD: "For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." (Acts 1:5). The first sermon right afterward about repentance, faith, water baptism, and baptism with the Holy Spirit is the forever valid pattern in the Church of God. On account of the proclamation, three thousand believers were added that very same day. Then follow the four distinguishing features of the early Church: "And they continued stedfastly in the <u>apostles' doctrine</u> and <u>fellowship</u>, and in <u>breaking of bread</u> (Lord's Supper), and in <u>prayers</u>." (Acts 2:42).

The doctrine of the apostles was in absolute agreement with what the prophets had foretold. Therefore the Church is built "... upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone ..." (Eph 2:20).

For all those who are part of the true Church of the living God, it was and still is very important to only believe what the Scripture says and adhere to what it teaches. The Bride of the Lamb (Rev 19:7) is a Bride of the Word and has absolutely nothing to do with private interpretations (2 Pt 1:20). In Rev 21:4 John saw the New Jerusalem coming down, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. The Holy City has a wall with 12 gates, upon which the names of the 12 tribes of Israel are inscribed. The wall has 12 foundation stones that bear the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

It is good to know that the Redeemer has only one Church, which is His body (1 Cor 12:12-31), which He Himself builds (Mat 16:16-18), and which He redeemed by His blood (Eph 1:7), "That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." (Eph 5:27).

The Message of the Hour Foreruns the Second Coming of Christ

This is the most important time period for the Church of Jesus Christ.

The promise from Mal 4:5-6, which is connected to the Plan of Salvation and was confirmed by our LORD in Mat 17:11 and Mk 9:12, has been fulfilled in our time before our eyes. Thereby, all things have been doctrinally restored to their rightful, original condition, and blessed are the eyes that see it. The words of our LORD, *"Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things,"* have been fulfilled, and He would confirm it today: "Elias has come and has restored all things."

In accordance with the promise from Mal 3:1, John the Baptist foreran the first coming of Christ as a man sent from God. Our LORD confirmed this in Mat 11:10: "For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee." Likewise, William Branham came on the scene in our time as a man sent from God according to Mal 4:5-6 and brought the message of restoration to forerun the second coming of Christ. It is the revelation of all mysteries of the Word up to the opening of the seven seals – in other words: the introduction into the entire Plan of Salvation. Without a messenger there would have been no message. "Surely the Lord GoD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets." (Amos 3:7).

Today, however, it is not only about the question whether we believe that Mal 4:5-6 has been fulfilled. Now the important part is whether we experience everything that the messenger has taught in his sermons. We thank God that we can believe every Word by His grace. Our LORD said, *"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."* (Jn 8:31-32).

The Tragic Omission of One Word

For clarification this also must be said once again: Brother Branham testified many times that on June 11, 1933, he was told the following from the pillar of light, which was visible to all attendees of the baptismal service: "As John the Baptist was sent to forerun the first coming of Christ, so you are sent with a message that will forerun the second coming of Christ."

Seventeen times he repeated in his sermons what he had been told, and on February 10, 1960, he even added, "Not that I would be a forerunner, but the message was the forerunning." This is clear and understandable for every rationally thinking person and could not have been said more plainly and accurately.

The deliberately altered version after the passing away of the prophet is worded as follows: "As John the Baptist was sent to forerun the first coming of Christ, so you will forerun His second coming." That is how the brothers in the USA have loudly proclaimed it, printed it in their books, and even had it engraved on the door of Brother Branham's new house in Tucson. The most important word, namely the "message," which was to be the forerunner. is missing. The falsified text has also been written underneath the photograph of the pillar of fire above Brother Branham's head. in front of which fanatics have been conducting their worship as of late!

Whether one Word is added or taken away, Satan has always succeeded in twisting the meaning, indeed, falsifying it. Every true child of God leaves **ev**- The Pillar of Fire



William Marrion Branham

The Pillar of Fire over Brother Branham's head was photographed at Houston, Texas, in January of 1950, and had accompanied him since his birth in 1909. During a 1933 baptismal service in the Ohio River at Jeffersonville, Indiana, this supernatural Being appeared before hundreds of people, saving to him, "As John the Baptist foreran the first coming of Christ, you will forerun His Second Coming."

ery Word of God exactly the way it came forth from the mouth of God, and also the words that were called out to Brother Branham from the supernatural light.

Now it is manifested whether we **truly believe and accept** what the angel of the LORD said on June 11, 1933, **or whether we believe the falsified version.** Whosoever does not believe the truth is, also in this case, condemned by God to believe the lie (2 Ths 2:11). Only the pure Word is the truth; any alteration is a lie. The fact remains "... that no lie is of the truth." (1 Jn 2:21b). Time and again I am asked whether I can remain silent about the maldevelopments. I am aware of my responsibility before God; however, I cannot change anything – only God can do that.

The risen LORD commanded me with His all-penetrating voice to preach His Word, which is exactly what I have done over the past 50 years. Likewise, according to the commission of the LORD, I have distributed the spiritual food that Brother Branham stored in and is contained in his sermons. Brother Branham confirmed both of these commissions by divine revelation and blessed me on that occasion with the laying on of hands. This ministry is directly connected with the sending of the prophet, with the true message, and with God. I believe along with all of the elect what was said on June 11, 1933: "... so you are sent with a message that will forerun the second coming of Christ." We reject the falsified version as a deception by Satan. It is, however, used by many as a justification for the rejection of the carrier of the message. After all, whoever believes that Brother Branham personally was the forerunner cannot believe that the message that he brought continues to forerun the second coming of Christ even after his passing away.

The Tragic Consequence of the Misuse of the Gifts of the Spirit

In addition, a second matter served as a painful lesson for us.

Since the experience of the baptism by the Holy Spirit in May 1949 in a church of the full Gospel in Hamburg, I experienced the blessed meetings of the independent Pentecostal churches. After a sermon, we all had great expectations that the Spirit of God would speak through the gifts of the Spirit – tongues, interpretation, and prophecies.

In the 1950s, we accepted the message and let it correct us in all doctrines as Brother Branham proclaimed them biblically – whether it was in reference to the Godhead, water baptism, Lord's Supper, and so on. The church grew, and we continued to experience the moving of the Spirit. After the sermon, everybody was mainly waiting for prophecies to come forth. After all, it is written: "Despise not prophesyings." But it is also written: "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." When brothers and sisters were called by name as being in need of prayer, we thought that it was just like it was with Brother Branham: In his meetings there were people in the prayer line whom he did not know, and God showed him in visions their names, from where they had come, and what their affliction was. Here, however, the bearer of the gift knew the brothers and sisters whom she called, as we realized only later on. The thought never crossed anyone's mind that something wrong, an imitation could have crept in.

In one prophecy, I was eventually called to ordain a married couple to the ministry. I did so without any hesitation. Then came Saturday, November 18, 1978. It was about 10:00 a.m. when the LORD spoke to me in a mighty, commanding voice: **"My servant, search the Book of Acts**

whether a man together with his wife were ever ordained to the ministry."

Immediately, I took my Bible and studied the Book of Acts as the LORD had commanded me. I had to discover that no apostle was called along with his wife and that even the seven men who looked after the poor were called without their wives. Only brothers were ordained to the fivefold ministry as apostles, prophets, teachers, shepherds, and evangelists. The moment I approached the above mentioned bearer of the gift with this, her attitude changed: Instead of submitting under the mighty hand of God and accepting the correction, the wrath of Satan broke through against me. I was threatened that I personally, my ministry, and the entire work would be destroyed. From that time on, the servant of God was called an adulterer, imposter, deceiver, even labelled as antichrist and much more. Since she was held in high esteem due to the gift of prophecy, many listened to her and believed her, including the brothers in the USA and Canada.

Many turned their backs on the Church along with her; only a few remained faithful, and the missionary work sustained serious damage worldwide. At that point in time, I had already preached the message in 85 countries. It seemed to be the end of my ministry. Hence, I wanted to put an end to my life on June 16, 1979, in the tidal waves of the North Sea. However, one question burned in my broken heart, and I prayed, "Dear LORD, I come to you now. Tell me why all this has come upon me." In the next moment, it happened: From within a clap of thunder, which came down vertically on my right side and grew ever louder, these words were called out to me with an all-penetrating resonance: "Because you listened to the voice of your wife!" As God lives, this is the truth.

As is well-known to all who are in the message, on April 2, 1962, the LORD gave me precise instructions for my ministry with a commanding voice: Among them were the directives to go to other cities to preach His Word, not to establish local churches, not to publish a hymn book, etc. In the course of the following years, He repeatedly spoke to me with an audible voice when important decisions had to be made, as reported in previous Circular Letters. However, at this particular time, the wrath of God could be sensed in each one of the nine words that went forth with a thundering voice. As though I had been hit by lightning, I fell over to the left. When I returned to my lodging, I knelt down, opened the Bible, and my eyes fixed on the same words that God had addressed to Adam in Gen 3:17.

I understood that the correction given to me by God Himself was just as necessary as the one issued to Adam, who hearkened unto the voice of Eve after she had come under the influence of the serpent. Paul wrote about it: *"For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression."* (1 Tim 2:11-14). As it was back then in the natural realm, when two entirely different seeds came forth due to the beguiling of Eve, that is how it is now in the spiritual realm with the Church. For instance, some are grateful for the divine calling and the continuation of the ministry; others deny it and scoff at it. Some rejoice that the message is being carried into the entire world; others believe that everything ended with Brother Branham.

But as certain as the fall at the beginning was part of God's Plan, so is everything in the permissive Will of God at the end of the time of grace. Without the fall by the beguiling of Eve, the Plan of Redemption purposed before the foundation of the world could not have come into force at all. Without the occurrences that took place in our time by God's intervention, the completion of the Bride Church in absolute purity of the Word and working of the Spirit would not be possible. In the restored Church, everything must be in its rightful order, including the ministries and the gifts of the Spirit. As Brother Branham emphasized it many times in direct reference to Eve, the original sin is unbelief. Only when Eve listened to the serpent, who called into question what God had said to Adam, she could not help but believe Satan's lie. The same is being repeated in our time. First Satan cast doubt on the calling of the servant of God and what he had been told, and then he gave his own, deceiving arguments credibility. That is how the beguiling occurred at the beginning, and it is how it takes place until the end.

If there would have been no fall in paradise, then we would not have heard anything about the Plan of Redemption. Everything was foreordained from before the foundation of the world. Likewise, our names were written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world (Rev 13:8). But since the time of the beguiling, an evil seed was sown worldwide, and an enmity arose between the two seeds (Gen 3:15), a hatred which goes beyond death. Amidst the deceived, nothing is heard or said of reconciliation. From the moment the line is crossed, there seems to be no return. The final judgment, however, we have to leave unto God. The beguiling of Eve led to the birth of the false seed, namely Cain, whom the LORD did not receive; only Abel and his sacrifice found His acceptance. God receives only His seed, His truly born-again sons and daughters. The good seed are the sons of the Kingdom – the wheat. "A seed shall serve Him ..." (Ps 22:30).

The harvest is ripe, and the LORD will gather only His wheat into His garner (Mat 3:12). I am grateful to God, Who has shown me the overripe wheat field in which were no tares. After all, our LORD said in Mat 13:39-43 that the tares are gathered first. The Word-Seed was sown, has sprung up in all those who are part of the Bride Church, and comes to full maturity. Indeed, soon we may call out to one another: "Let us be glad and rejoice,

and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, <u>and his wife</u> <u>hath made herself ready</u>." (Rev 19:7).

Is the Decision Final?

All those who remain in the deception are bypassing what God is presently doing. They believe according to the falsified text that along with the prophet also the message has found its end before the second coming of Christ. Likewise, they deny the calling which the LORD Himself gave and the prophet confirmed. From their perspective, the matter is settled; some even assert that the Lamb has already left the mercy seat, that the LORD has come and is claiming His Own, and many other things. But thanks be to God, the true message is still being preached in accordance with the Bible, and everything the prophet said is harmoniously placed in its proper order. The Holy Scripture was the "absolute" for Brother Branham, and it is our only absolute as well.

Brother Branham mentioned Rev 22:18-19 more than a hundred times and emphasized that nothing may be added to or taken away from the Word and that Satan added just a single Word with Eve, which ultimately brought about death. "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtility, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ." (2 Cor 11:3). Whosoever adds to or takes away from the Word is under the influence of the serpent, has been deceived, and has absolutely no share of the tree of life. It is worthwhile to read up on what Brother Branham said in holy earnest about this subject. The following are only three quotes of many: On February 1, 1956, he said, "He that'll take away or add to anything that's in this Book, God will take his name out of the Book of Life." On November 12, 1961, he said, "Showed he had his name there all right, but it'll be taken out." And on April 18, 1965, "We want what God said at the beginning, and anything added to it or taken away from it, even your name will be taken off the Book of Life." In Mat 4:4 our LORD answered the tempter with these words: "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

God led it in such a way that I could also scripturally place the quotes which are hard to understand. There is not a single problem, not even with Rev 10, if one first reads chapters 8 and 9 and afterward chapter 11. After all, it is always the Same One Who revealed Himself to Moses and the people of Israel in the pillar of fire and in the cloud and accompanied them for 40 years (Ex 40:34-38). On February 28, 1963, while the prophet was still on earth, the Same One also revealed Himself in the ministry of Brother Branham in the cloud, when seven mighty thunderclaps shook the entire region. HE is the Same One who will descend as the Angel of the Covenant in Rev 10 and put His feet upon land and sea. We cannot be grateful enough that the faithful God has given us the understanding for the complete agreement of the written Word and the preached message!

The false doctrines cannot be placed biblically at all. All those who present strange doctrines agree on one point, namely wanting to destroy the divine influence of the called servant and to present him as untrustworthy through character assassination in order to advance their own agenda. **They also have this in common: They believe that the falsified text is true and that the true text is false.**

In spite of everything, the LORD builds His Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. There is only one true Church in the message, and that is the Word-Bride. Anybody who believes some special revelation or the many other interpretations is under the influence of the evil one, is outside of the Word, and is not part of the Bride Church. But all true children of God worldwide who were carried away under the wrong influence of the intended destruction will now find their way back and believe **that the message which the prophet brought is still forerunning the second coming of Christ until the last one is called**.

Brother Branham made this point several times: Many speak of what God has done and are on the lookout for what He is going to do, but bypass what He is presently doing. After all, what He has done connects us to what He is doing right now and prepares us for what He is still going to do.

The Victor of Calvary completes His work of redemption in His Own. At the end, the following words, which Paul directed already on his first missionary journey to the ones who did not believe, will also be fulfilled: "Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you." (Acts 13:41).

What was Paul referring to when he drew the comparison to the despisers? To Num 16, where well-respected men gathered together against Moses and Aaron. Moses fell upon his face, prayed, and said, *"For which cause both thou and all thy company are gathered together against the LORD: and what is Aaron, that ye murmur against him?"* (v. 11).

Moses invited them, but they did not come and said, "... wilt thou put out the eyes of these men?" The story went on; then Moses called the men in Korah's company "wicked men" and announced the judgment: "... then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD." (v. 30). So, not despisers of the prophet or the one who had to convey the words of the prophet, but provokers/despisers of the LORD God. That is an important lesson. Moses could say, "I AM hath sent me unto you." (Ex 3:14). He had a calling, a commission in connection with the Plan of Salvation, and he was to put the words of God in the mouth of Aaron (Ex 4:15). The despisers did not despise Moses and Aaron; they mocked and despised God. That is what Paul meant when he spoke about the despisers in connection with the work which God will do in our days. Indeed, that Word was written for our time. <u>Not the messenger and not the carrier of the message</u> are blasphemed, but God, Who has given a commission in connection with the Plan of Salvation. Those who truly believe the sending of the prophet cannot help but believe that the message will accomplish what it was sent to do. Those who do not accept a divine calling and sending are despisers of God, from Whose mouth the commission came forth.

As sure as the LORD spoke everything into existence by His almighty Word and completed the work of creation, He Himself is now completing His work of redemption within the flock of the firstborn that was bought with His blood, in accordance with the promises of the Word and by the power of the Holy Spirit. *"For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the LORD make upon the earth."* (Rom 9:28).

In the last phase, when the former and latter rain will fall at the same time, when the last moving of the Spirit takes place and the power of God is visibly manifested, all true believers will be of one heart and one soul – in the message, in the Word, and in the Will of God, as it was in the beginning at Pentecost.

What Paul wrote in Rom 8:31-39 applies to the elect, who are not taking sides with the accuser: *"Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth."* The overcomers remain under the blood of the Lamb, and the Word is their testimony. They believe every Word from the first to the last chapter, whether it is written in Mal 4, Lk 17, in Mat 24:14, in verse 24 or in the verses 45-47, whether in Mat 25:1-10 or in Rev 10.

Sadly, the accuser and deceiver of the whole world will only be cast down to earth right at the very end. The elect, however, cannot be deceived. Only at the Rapture and the proclamation of the Millennial Reign will Rev 12:7-11 be fulfilled: "And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. <u>And they overcame him by the</u> <u>blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not</u> <u>their lives unto the death</u>."

The Last Period

It has become light at evening time. With every biblically founded doctrine, the supernatural light shines brightly, and we may walk in the light of the revealed Word. *"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the* glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." (2 Cor 4:6). Amen.

The LORD took home His servant and prophet after the completion of his commission, but the revealed Word has been left unto us. It is the message that has reached the ends of the earth. God Himself has taken care of everything, <u>and the LORD will complete His called-out Church unto the</u> <u>day of His Return and present her blameless in his sight</u> (Eph 5:27; Col 1:22; and others).

God granted me the great privilege to attend the meetings of Brother Branham in Germany and in the USA. I am an eye- and ear-witness of the extraordinary ministry. I also know that he expected certain things to still come to pass. Do not worry: Everything that God ordained for the Bride will take place because all promises of God in Him are "yea" and "Amen" (2 Cor 1:18-22). His ministry was worthwhile for all the elect. I am particularly glad that the faithful God allowed me to see Brother Branham being taken up on a cloud at the moment of his passing away on December 24, 1965. I was living in Germany and had not heard anything about his accident on December 18 and also did not know about his passing away on December 24 at that time. Our LORD was also taken up in a cloud (Acts 1:9); at the Rapture, the Bride will be taken up in the clouds to meet the LORD (1 Ths 4:17), and the two prophets will be taken up in a cloud as well (Rev 11:12).

It is known around the world that I was in close contact with Brother Branham and his ministry for 10 years. Many also know what portion God, by His grace, has allotted to me as the carrier of the message. He ordained it in such a way that, after the passing away of the prophet, I was the first one to carry the message to Europe, to Asia and Africa, even into the entire world, because of the divine commission.

Only for information purposes: During Brother Branham's lifetime, the world had not yet heard anything about the message. Besides the USA, there were only three countries in which brothers played the tapes of Brother Branham's sermons: in Edmonton, Canada, with Brother Henri Martin, whose address was given to me by Brother Branham; in South Africa with Brother Sydney Jackson; and here in Krefeld. It was Brother Branham himself who told me on June 11, 1958, in Dallas, Texas, "Brother Frank, you will return to Germany with this message." It was Brother Branham who repeated on December 3, 1962, what the LORD had commanded me on April 2 and then added, "Brother Frank, wait with the giving out of the food until you get the rest of it." <u>Only after the LORD took His messager unto Himself could the message forerun the second coming of Christ, because only then all of the food had been stored in.</u>

God took His Prophet Moses; He also took Elijah and Brother Branham. Moses was allowed to see the Land of Promise from Mount Nebo (Deut 32:44-52), but the congregation of Israel entered there under the leadership of Joshua. Most important for Joshua was the Ark of the Covenant because in it was the Word revealed to the prophet. That is how it is for us today: We carry the revealed Word and enter into the Promised Land; all children of promise believe the Word of promise and are sealed with the Spirit of promise (Eph 1:13). <u>Never ever will the true God place</u> <u>His seal of the Holy Spirit upon someone who is in error</u>.

At first, there was only one Church in the message in a given city, until the end of the seventies. Now many cities are home to multiple churches that refer to Brother Branham. <u>Can any of us imagine that "believers" who</u> refuse to have fellowship here on earth, who neither want to be together in a service nor celebrate the Lord's Supper with one another could then be together at the marriage supper of the Lamb? Most certainly not!

But now, after this exposition, all people here and around the world have the opportunity to correct their attitude and decision. Now it is manifested, as in the days of Moses, whether we are part of the called-out <u>Church or whether we consort with the likes of Dathan and Korah or, as</u> <u>in days of Paul, with Hymenaeus and Philetus (2 Tim 2:15-18)</u>. Now it becomes manifest whether the leader of a congregation rejects the ordained man of the hour, as Diotrephes rejected the Apostle John back then, for instance. Just imagine, the leader of a church rejected the Apostle John (3 Jn 9-10)! How many "Diotrepheses" are there today who declare themselves to be pastors but were not instituted by God? Does it not remain forever valid, what our LORD said of those whom He called and sent? "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me." (Jn 13:20). This is THUS SAITH THE LORD.

I know that my Redeemer lives; I also know that the Circular Letters that I write are not a private matter, but that they are addressed to the Church by God's commission. The LORD Himself will see to it that a twofold restoration will take place in the Bride, the way it was with Job (Job 42; Jas 5). The time is at hand. Despite of my human weaknesses and afflictions, I have done everything in my ministry according to the LORD's command and have complied with what is written in 2 Tim 4:2: "**Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season ...**" This Scripture is of special significance for me because the LORD Himself commanded me to read it in 1980 and to preach only what is written in the Word. Brother Branham also placed that same Scripture into the corner stone of the tabernacle in Jeffersonville in 1933.

My testimony is that of Paul: "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the LORD; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake." (2 Cor 4:5).

The Return of Christ is very near; the signs of the end time indicate it. Thus Mat 24:14 is also being fulfilled: "And this gospel of the kingdom

shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

We are now living in the end-time generation, in the last phase before the Return of Christ. Everything that was foretold in Bible prophecy, be it wars, earthquakes, famines, expensive times, natural disasters, etc., is being fulfilled before our eyes. The LORD let us know: "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." (Lk 21:28).

Half a Century around the Globe

In grateful memory of my first missionary journey to India in October 1964, I would like to take a brief look back.

Since then, I have repeatedly preached in 23 cities of that large country, and this October, God willing, I will embark on my twenty-fifth journey there.

In these past 50 years, I was allowed to preach the Word in more than 600 cities in over 140 countries, including Moscow and Beijing, Cairo and Damascus, just to name a few. Millions of people have been reached through radio and TV programs, some of which are still being aired in several countries until today.

On the African continent, the harvest is particularly plentiful. Thousands of believers come together there for regular meetings in many cities.

It is well-known that we were able to inaugurate our own place of worship in April 1974. Then came July 18, 1976, when the LORD spoke to me with a mighty voice: "My servant, go to the adjacent property, consecrate it unto me, and build on it ..." I found my way through the shrubbery, knelt down, and consecrated it to the LORD. In the following years, mission buildings were constructed to accommodate the out-of-town visitors who come from afar to attend the church services. The buildings also house the offices, the print shop, and the shipping department.

I am very grateful to God for the Mission Center. We hold special meetings on the first weekend of each month; people from all over Europe and from overseas come to hear the Word, and thousands around the globe join them live via the internet. Whether the sermon is



held in Krefeld, in Zurich, in London, or in Paris, all people worldwide can hear and see what God is presently doing. Amos 8:11 has been literally fulfilled: God has sent a hunger to hear His Word, and the table of the LORD is richly prepared.

I am equally grateful for all the brothers who translate and for all the ministering brethren in all countries who are involved in giving out the pure spiritual food. In this way, Mat 24:45-47 is fulfilled as well, and the collective Bride worldwide can take part in the proclamation. Also this Scripture the LORD audibly called out to me on Sunday, September 19, 1976. This is as true as God lives.

In the sermon "The Masterpiece" from July 5, 1964, Brother Branham spoke of a vision in which the Bride fell out of step, and then he also saw how she came back into step and into compliance with every Word once again. In this phase, there is now a clear proclamation of the Word of God, and all those who are part of the Bride Church hear, believe, and abide by it. The last call is going forth: "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him." Amen.

It has been 49 years since Brother Branham was taken to be with the LORD. God had ordained it for Israel in such a way that in the fiftieth year, the year of jubilee, they all returned unto their possession (Lev 25). God has done great things unto countless believers in the past 49 years. But all believers are waiting for more; they want to experience the total restoration, the last moving of the Spirit, and the completion. God is faithful. HE can also make the fiftieth year in our time the greatest one in the Plan of Salvation. We have great expectations, but He determines the time and hour. To Him be the glory. HE is never too late. Amen.

We will not go into detail about current events. The daily news already inform us extensively about the many crises and hot spots of unrest around the world. Our sights are set mainly on the Middle East and on Jerusalem, the city which God Himself has chosen. For more than 3,300 years, Jerusalem has been the capital of the Jewish people, and it is mentioned in the Bible more than 700 times, but not a single time in the Koran. God Himself gave the promise in the Bible to bring His people back into the land of their fathers (Jer 23:7-8; Eze 36:24-28; Mic 2:12-13; Zep 3:19-20; Zec 2:16-17), and we were able to witness that He fulfilled it. The time will come in which also Zec 14:16-21 will be fulfilled, and all nations that remain after the last great battle will come to Jerusalem and celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.

May all people recognize that with their decision for or against Israel they either receive the blessing or the curse, as the LORD God promised it to Abraham: "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." (Gen 12:3)!

Let us hold fast to the true message, for only the ones who endure until the end shall be crowned. According to Rom 11, God first completes His work with the Church from the nations and then with Israel. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

By His commission

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In Angola, large congregations have formed that are all connected with us. The photograph shows believers as they are listening to the live internet broadcast from London.



In August, Brother Frank visited the countries of Ethiopia and Rwanda. The picture shows the meeting in Kigali, Rwanda.





On the first weekend in October 2014, about 1,200 believers from 15 countries came together in Krefeld. As you can see in the pictures the main hall and also the balcony were packed with people. Even the downstairs dining room was crowded with brothers and sisters who viewed the service live on a screen, as captured in the picture on the right. The sermons are held in the German language and are translated simultaneously into twelve additional languages. Via the Internet, the meetings can be viewed and heard live around the world. We thank God for the interpreters.



This is what the book table with the translated sermons of Brother Branham looked like already ten years ago. My primary concern was to first translate all of the sermons that had been preached after the opening of the seals into the German language. Today there are a lot more of them.

I follow both of the commandments that the LORD gave me: to preach the Word and to give out the food until the LORD comes.

