

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

Circular Letter

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Heartfelt greetings to all of you worldwide in the precious Name of our LORD Jesus Christ with the Scripture from 2 Pt 3:9:

“The LORD is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

The promised Return of Christ (Jn 14:3) was the main subject in apostolic times, and it still is today for all Bible believers. When the LORD foretold the destruction of the Temple in Mt 24:1-3, the disciples asked Him three questions:

- 1) *“When shall these things be?”*
- 2) *“And what shall be the sign of **thy coming**?”*
- 3) *“and of the end of the world?”*

In 1 Cor 15, the apostle wrote about both the first resurrection and the second resurrection and explained: *“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ’s **at his coming**. Then cometh the end ...”* (1 Cor 15:22-24). The Holy Scriptures describe various comings, but only one “Return” of Christ (Jn 14:1-3).

Acts 3 emphasizes what needs to happen with each individual before the promised Return of Jesus Christ: *“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the LORD; And he shall **send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you ...**”* (Acts 3:19-20). The total forgiveness of sins and the absolute justification by faith in the completed redemption must be personally experienced by each one **so that the LORD can send the time of refreshing**. The spiritual revival and refreshing that the LORD God

gave unto His people in the beginning through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit was also promised to us, before the Return of the LORD.

*“Whom the heaven must receive **until the times of restitution of all things**, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.”* (Acts 3:21). **The Return of Jesus Christ** can only take place when the same message that was proclaimed in the beginning has now been proclaimed at the end. So it is not only about the refreshing and revival through the Spirit of God, but about the complete restoration of all things in the Church, as they were in the beginning in the Early Church, in regard to doctrine as well as life.

Scriptural Placement

In the biblical prophecy of the Old Testament, everything that is part of God’s entire Plan of Salvation has been foretold, whether it is about Israel, the Church, or about the nations, and also what would happen at the first coming of the Redeemer and what will come to pass at His Second Coming and thereafter.

In Luke 24, the risen LORD revealed to His disciples that all that had been written about Him in the law, in the psalms, and in the prophets had come to pass. And then He gave them the understanding to be able to know all those things. Even now, everything that is written in the Old and New Testament for this period of time is being fulfilled, and the faithful LORD has opened our understanding for it. By the grace of God, we may recognize the promises that were fulfilled back then and which ones are being fulfilled in our time.

For example, in Mt 3:3 we find the confirmation that God fulfilled the promise from Isa 40:3 with John: *“For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of the one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make his paths straight.”*

At the first coming of Christ, the first part of Mal 3:1 was also fulfilled through the ministry of John the Baptist: *“Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me ...”* Our LORD confirmed this in Mt 11:9-10: *“For this is he, of whom it is written,*

Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.” The second part of Mal 3:1 will not take place until the Temple is built: “... *and the LORD, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.”*

In Mt 17, we read about the transfiguration of our Redeemer before the eyes of the three disciples and about the appearance of Moses and Elijah. Then the disciples asked our LORD, “*Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?*”

“And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.”

But right afterward He said, “*But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them. Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.*” (vv. 10-13).

According to Lk 1:17, John the Baptist fulfilled the first part of the promise given through the Prophet Malachi: “*And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children (Mal 4:6a), and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the LORD.*”

Jesus wept over Jerusalem because His chosen people Israel did not recognize the gracious visitation of God and what took place at that time according to the Word, “*Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.*” (Lk 19:42-44). The scribes refused to be baptized by John and thus rejected the counsel of God (Lk 7:30). Because the rabbis have not recognized even until this day which promise was fulfilled at that time, the Jews are still waiting for Elijah to come. That is why an empty chair and a cup filled with wine are waiting for him at every Passover celebration.

However, the people of Israel have been promised two prophets who will come on the scene in Jerusalem, as represented in Zec 4 by the two olive trees standing next to the candlestick (v. 3). The ex-

planation in the prophetic Word reads: *“Then said he, These are the two **anointed ones**, that stand by the LORD of the whole earth.”* (v. 14). We find the fulfillment in the ministry of the two prophets, who are reminiscent of Moses and Elijah, in Rev 11:4: *“These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.”*

We thank God for giving us the correct biblical placement of prophecy by His grace. Through the special ministry of John the Baptist, who was promised for the first coming of the Redeemer, the Old Testament fathers were led to the faith of the New Testament children. That ministry was one hundred percent in the Will of God according to the Word of God, and it was the only way that a well-prepared people could be presented to the LORD at His first coming.

The second part of the promise in Mal 4:5 is now being fulfilled, as our LORD announced it in Mt 17:11 and Mk 9:12: Through the ministry, like the one Elijah had, the hearts of the children of God are brought back to the faith of the apostolic fathers. **This is the actual purpose of the last message, so that the LORD can take home a well-prepared people at His Return.**

Not Theory, but Reality

In 1 Kgs 18 we are told that the Prophet Elijah gathered the people of God on Mount Carmel. What did he do first? Elijah called on the assembled crowd to make a decision: *“How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him.”* (1 Kgs 18:21). Then he took 12 stones and built the altar of the LORD. What takes place through the Elijah-ministry in our time? The doctrine of the 12 apostles has been placed on the candlestick once again and has been newly illuminated; the foundation of the true faith has been laid anew, so that everything in the Church is restored to its original state and experienced in reality. Even today, the true Church is still *“built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone ...”* (Eph 2:20).

The LORD God answered: The fire of God consumed the sacrifice and the altar: *“And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word. Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again. Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.”* (1 Kgs 18:36-38).

Then Elijah said to Ahab, *“Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain.”* (v. 41). We are told that the rain was pouring down. How is it going to be now? Back then, the people were gathered and their hearts were turned to repentance. The same is true now, according to the commandment of the LORD: ***“Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words ...”*** (Ps 50:5; Deut 4:10).

The Apostle James wrote: *“Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly ...”* (5:17). John the Baptist was a human being like us. Brother Branham was also a human being like us. **It is about the commission, the sending.** Matthew reported about the ministry of the prophet who was sent: *“Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.”* (Mt 3:5-6).

The people came together. All those who believed the sermon repented and confessed their sins and were baptized. It is the same today: The people of God come from the East and West, from the North and South. All who believe the divine message repent and are baptized in the Name of the LORD Jesus Christ.

Those who were baptized back then heard and believed what the messenger told them: *“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire ...”* (v. 11).

On the day of Pentecost, first the 120 believers who had gathered and then 3,000 more people who came to join them experienced the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and thereafter many more in many other places. That was in the beginning; the same is promised for the end. All those who truly believe and are baptized will partake in the mighty outpouring of the Spirit, when the early and latter rains fall at the same time (Jas 5:7). The time is near. God has restored everything through the last message and will victoriously complete His Work of Redemption with the Bride Church.

The Message Before the Second Coming of Christ

As sure as the LORD God promised to send a prophet like Elijah before the terrible day of the LORD (Mal 4:5; Mt 17:11), He certainly has fulfilled this promise in our day. Just as the spiritually blind scribes did not recognize the fulfillment of the promises in Isa 40:3 and Mal 3:1 back then, the Christian leaders of today do not recognize the fulfillment of the most important promise for our time. With the utmost respect for God and God's Word, we believe the testimony of the commission given to William Branham on June 11, 1933.

Whosoever does not respect what the LORD has done in our time is bypassing what God is presently doing. Eighty-five years have passed since 1933. On June 11, at about 2:00 pm, when the young evangelist William Branham was baptizing converts, the supernatural cloud, visible to all those present, came down upon the man of God, who was standing in the Ohio River and was about to baptize the seventeenth person. With a mighty rushing sound, which all of the bystanders heard, these words were addressed to him: **“As I sent John the Baptist to forerun the first coming of Christ, your message shall forerun the second coming to all the world.”** That is how Brother Branham reported it on July 14, 1963.

In the sermon on December 29, 1963, he said, **“I may not do it, but this message will introduce Jesus Christ to the world. ‘For as John the Baptist was sent to forerun the first coming, so is the message to forerun the second coming.’ ... I know it will. The message will go on.”**

And a third quote: “A Voice said, ‘As John the Baptist was sent to forerun the first coming of Christ, your message shall forerun His second coming into all the world.’” (February 19, 1965).

Every statement is supposed to be based on two or three witnesses (2 Cor 13:1). That is why we have recited the three quotes from the various statements by Brother Branham himself, as he recalled hearing them from the supernatural cloud. It is about the accurate wording of the divine commission, namely to bring the *message* based solely on the Holy Scriptures.

Once again, we compare these to the falsified U.S. version, in which the word “message” is missing: “As John the Baptist was sent to forerun the first coming, so you are sent to forerun the second coming of Christ.”

Brother Branham referred to Rev 22:18-21 more than 80 times, emphasizing that no one may take away or add a single word. It was just one word that the old serpent added in Gen 3:1 to what the LORD God had said in Gen 2:16 – namely the word “not.” And that is how the fall came about. Whoever believes the falsified version and refers to it is equally as seduced as Eve was and likewise entangled in arguments. In them is fulfilled what Paul wrote in 2 Cor 11: “*But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.*” (v. 3).

Brother Branham’s passing on December 24, 1965, marked the end of a chapter in the Plan of Salvation, **namely to bring the message to this church age. He brought the message, but did not carry it into another country, let alone to the ends of the earth.** It was not until after Brother Branham’s departure that the original message was carried to all countries and languages around the world, as promised in the second part of the commission on June 11, 1933, and left unto us by Brother Branham as the “THUS SAITH THE LORD.”

The self-appointed “message scholars” sat in the prophet’s chair and introduced one heresy after another, derived from misunder-

stood quotes. It started with the doctrine that everything would be over in 1977, and it has not ceased even to this day.

It should be noted that there is no mention in the Bible of a ministry in a tent that the prophet is supposed to complete after the resurrection in a 30-day time frame before the Rapture.

There is nothing written in the Word of God about the various seven thunders doctrines, nor about the teaching that seven special men will speak with thundering voices.

Nowhere does it state in the Holy Scripture that when the Seals were opened in March 1963, the Lamb left the mercy seat and descended in order to lay claim to the Redeemed. That is absolutely not true. In every church age, the LORD has His elect, the overcomers who will forever live in glory. That is how it is written seven times in Rev 2 and 3 in the seven messages. Amen. *“He that overcometh ...”* Amen.

The last promise applies to us: *“To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.”* (Rev 3:21).

It is not true that Rev 10 has already been fulfilled and that the LORD has come down as the Angel of the Covenant, surrounded by the rainbow.

When He comes as the Angel of the Covenant, He sets His feet upon the sea and on the earth and swears that time shall be no more. When that happens, there are only 3 ½ years left, as Daniel saw and heard it in chap. 12:7: *“... that it shall be for a time, times, and an half ...”*

It is written that He shall come to the Jews as the Angel of the Covenant. That is also the time when Mal 3:1b will be fulfilled: *“... and the LORD, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.”* We thank God for the clarity in the Word of God and the certainty that every promise written in the Word of God finds its fulfillment at the appointed time.

All those who believe according to the falsified version, namely that Brother Branham was the forerunner of the Second Coming of Christ, believe their own interpretations. And the list of heresies could be continued. However, Peter wrote with divine authority that no prophecy of the Scripture allows for any private interpretation (2 Pt 1:20). None of the chosen ones will believe a heresy. Those who were chosen before the foundation of the world cannot be deceived. They see and experience that the message is still forerunning the Second Coming, as the LORD said it would. They have been brought back to the Word and believe only what is written in the Word. Amen.

A Biblical Sending

The LORD told us what goes along with such a sending: "... *as my Father hath sent me, **even so send I you.***" (Jn 20:21). Paul could also testify to this when he reported about his calling: "*Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, **unto whom now I send thee,** To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.*" (Acts 26:17-18).

The admonition that Paul gave to his co-worker Timothy also applies to me as well as every servant of God: "*That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our LORD Jesus Christ ...*" (1 Tim 6:14).

The LORD must first give a commission before it can be carried out. Paul had a commission; he was able to testify of the day, the hour, the place, and what he had been told (Acts 9:22, 26). Moses was able to do the same (Exo 3) and so was Joshua (chap. 1). Isaiah reported: "*Also I heard the voice of the LORD, saying, **Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, **Here am I; send me.*****" (Isa 6:8). All true servants of God bear witness to their commission. Brother Branham could refer to June 11, 1933, to May 7, 1946, to February 28, 1963, to the period of March 17-24, 1963, all the times when the LORD had given him special instructions.

Likewise, I too can look back on special experiences in which the LORD addressed me as “My servant,” beginning with April 2, 1962, and can testify to the time and place as well as what He commanded with a mighty Voice each time. By the grace of God, I have faithfully obeyed each directive that the LORD has given me – all by grace, which goes along with a divine calling and sending.

In the Circular Letter from December 2005, I mentioned some of the direct instructions and supernatural experiences that the faithful LORD has given me. This has not happened since the days of the Bible. But because we have arrived in the most important period of the entire history of the Plan of Salvation, the LORD shows us that He is looking after His Church. The commission must be carried out without rebuke, as Paul wrote.

I signed my first Circular Letter in September 1966 with the words “By His commission” and have continued to do so to this day. No one can imagine what it means to hear the all-penetrating Voice of the LORD and to receive direct instructions.

It was God’s decision to send me all over the world as the bearer of the pure, holy message. Thanks to His guidance, I was given the privilege of personally knowing Brother Branham for 10 years and attending his meetings in Germany and the USA. I am an eye- and ear-witness of what God has done in our time. I will never forget my first personal meeting with Brother Branham on August 15, 1955. Even before I greeted him, he said to me, “You are a preacher of the Gospel.” I also clearly remember the day of June 12, 1958, in Dallas, Texas, when he said, “Brother Frank, you will return to Germany with this message!” And on December 3, 1962, with that same infallible prophetic gift, he repeated what the LORD had told me at the time of my calling and concluded with the words: “Wait with the giving out of the food until you have received the rest of it.”

He asked me to speak in his stead to the Full Gospel Business Men’s Fellowship, founded by Demos Shakarian, in Clifton’s Cafeteria on the following Saturday, December 8, 1962, because he had to prepare for his move to Tucson, Arizona, on account of a vision. He also asked me to speak for him on Sunday, December 9, at Ernest Hutton’s Church in Oakland, California. He even gave me the

address of Paulaseer Lawrie, who had attended his meetings in Bombay and was a well-known healing evangelist. I was supposed to contact him if I were to travel to India. I could continue at length with accounts of how the faithful LORD has led everything so wonderfully from the beginning.

Through God's predestination and guidance, the message, as the man of God had been told, was now being carried into all the world before the Second Coming of Christ. The full, everlasting Gospel has been preached to all nations as a witness, according to Mt 24:14, and the end will come. This is further indicated by the signs of the end times. Our LORD said, "*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).

As sure as the written Word is infallible and without rebuke, the Bride of the Lamb, who now believes God's revealed Word, will certainly meet the Bridegroom at the Rapture without spot or wrinkle and without blemish. It must be clear to everyone that no false teacher and none of the ones who have been misled will be raptured. God can only put His seal on those who are washed in the blood and sanctified in the Word (2 Cor 1:21-22).

The time is near; the time is here. When we look back at the recent past once again, then with a clear view of the future. All those who know the ministry of Brother Branham are familiar with the years from 1933 to 1965. But who has recognized what God has done since 1966 according to the calling and the promised sending?

The last 53 years have been the continuation of the true proclamation, which is happening in the direct commission of God worldwide. There are two phases: The first one was from 1966 to 1979. It has already been 40 years since Satan attempted to destroy me and the Church in 1979. There has never been anything like it: The ends of the earth have been reached and millions of people have come to know what God has done in our time. The LORD is not slack concerning His promise. HE will wait, however, until the full number of chosen ones is reached and the last few are added. Unfortunately, especially in the last 40 years, there are brothers who have come on the scene without a calling. They present their own doctrines

and draw in disciples to follow them, with the slogan: “The Prophet said!” That is how various different factions, so-called “message fellowships,” have emerged in many cities, and each of them follows their respective leader and his teachings.

However, the LORD builds only His Church. HE commanded me at my calling: “My servant, do not establish any local churches and do not publish a hymnbook, for it is the sign of a denomination!” As sure as He told me on September 19, 1976, “My servant, I have ordained you according to Mt 24:45-47 to give out the food in due season,” there are certainly faithful brothers in the various countries and cities who distribute the same spiritual food in the churches there.

Fifty-three years of the blessed proclamation of the message of the Word; forty years of false brothers who crept in to spread heresies. Now all the true children of God who have been under the wrong influence since 1979 are coming back from all the wrong directions they have taken. The message has reached the ends of the earth – the Return of our Redeemer is imminent. The call is going forth loud and clear: “Behold, the Bridegroom is coming! Go out to meet him!”

Brother Branham often said, “At evening time, there shall be light!” That has come to pass. But now we have arrived at the midnight hour. Only those who are ready will be called unto the marriage supper. Brother Branham has completed his commission; I am carrying out my commission. Whoever has ears to hear will hear, and whoever is of God will accept it. Let everyone examine themselves in regard to the sending. THUS SAITH THE LORD: “*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).

Those who pretend to believe the message should look around their own city and ask the question: How many churches of God were there in Ephesus, Corinth, Philadelphia, and Laodicea? Then there has to be something wrong if today there are several “message churches” in the same city. The time has come for the judgment to begin in the house of God, “... *which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.*” (1 Tim 3:15).

We are expecting a biblical revival in which the power of God will be manifested. May this be a year of jubilee, a year in which all the misled individuals are set free! The time is near; the time has come for all true believers everywhere to become of one heart and of one soul, as it was in the beginning. The LORD stands at the door and knocks.

The following Scriptures should encourage us and strengthen our faith:

“But as God is true, our word toward you was not yea and nay. ... For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.” (2 Cor 1:18-22).

“Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the LORD Jesus Christ. ...

“That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

“In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.” (Eph 1:1-14). This shall come to fulfillment for all those who belong to the Bride Church.

Church and Mission Center

My heart is filled with gratitude every time I look back at the many years of service for the LORD. The LORD God has visibly blessed this work from the very beginning; He has thought of everything and taken care of all things. We were thus able to celebrate our sixtieth anniversary as a local church in December 2018.

From the beginning, we experienced extraordinary things, with God providing the guidance for all matters and granting the grace to carry them out. Upon my return to Krefeld after Brother Branham's funeral in April 1966, a new, special time period began. In all of the cities in which I held meetings, believers came to hear the Word of God. The photo shows a baptism at a small lake on the outskirts of Krefeld in 1968.



Initially, we gathered in home groups, and as the congregation grew larger, in rented halls. Finally, at Easter 1974, we were able to inaugurate our own church building with 560 seats. The worldwide missionary work also grew steadily with the monthly missionary journeys all over the world. Then came the day of July 18, 1976, when the LORD called out to me with a mighty Voice, "My servant, go to the adjacent property and dedicate it to Me. Build on it because people will come from many countries and they will need accommodations."

And so we were able to purchase the large neighboring plot to add to the small property on which the chapel stands, so that there are now exactly ten thousand square meters of land. The dedication of the two large mission buildings with the offices and accommodations took place at Easter 1978. One last building was constructed in 1990, which was the urgently needed publishing house, and it holds the print shop as well as the processing area and mailrooms.

God also provided us with very capable workers and volunteers who staff the offices and publishing house and take care of the entire Mission Center and all of its workings; some of whom He brought to us from far-away countries. Hence, we are able to send out our literature as well as the CDs and DVDs in various different languages. The meetings on the first weekend of each month are simultaneously translated into 14 languages and broadcast live over the Internet. Our technologically gifted brothers have ensured that our services can be heard and viewed in different languages around the world. At the present time, we have reached 7,500 online connections in 172 countries. So everything that is needed for the local church and for the worldwide ministry is at our disposal. All those who participate in God's Work serve Him with devotion so that even lay people have become professionals.

God has also taken care of the proclamation and opened doors all over the world, regardless of the religious or political character of the individual country. In addition, all churches in all countries have been and will be provided with the necessary equipment so that the true believers can be connected to God through the proclamation based solely on the Holy Scripture. All things considered, in its entirety, this is truly a miracle, the likes of which cannot be found anywhere else on earth. God's Word has been preached to all nations as a witness, as the LORD predicted it. We are now very close to the end. The LORD will complete His Work of Redemption as He



completed His Work of Creation, and it will be very good. HE Alone is deserving of all gratitude for eternity.

The photo shows Brother Leonhard Russ next to me at the dedication of the church building in 1974. Yes, Brother Russ was a man after the heart of God. For over 50 years, we served the LORD together. On this occasion, I must mention once again that the faithful LORD commanded me with a loud Voice on a Friday evening in September 1967: "My servant, ordain for Me Leonhard Russ and Paul Schmidt as elders." In Tit 1:5, Paul commanded his fellow worker to stay in Crete and to ordain elders in the churches. In Krefeld, the LORD commanded me to do it, and spoke the names and surnames of the brothers. Brother Russ has been with the LORD for several years; Brother Schmidt is, thanks to the LORD, still among us.

Israel in Prophecy

In the daily news, we keep hearing how Israel is criticized and condemned. Iran's threat to defeat Israel in a three-day war, so that "the Israelis will not find enough graves to bury their dead," speaks for itself.

Here we are reminded of the promises of God concerning Israel: "*And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.*" (Zec 12:3).

"When I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations; Then shall they know that I am the LORD their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there." (Eze 39:27-28).

"And the LORD shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again." (Zec 2:12).

We also hear about the role that the pope plays in the Middle East conflict. During his visit to Abu Dhabi in February, he repeatedly emphasized peace and also addressed the violence against Israel. After his speech, the pope and the grand imam of Al-Azhar, who is considered to be the most important imam in Sunni Islam, signed a joint declaration calling for “world peace.”

It is becoming increasingly evident that the peace treaty with Israel is not far off. According to Dan 9:27, it will be a seven-year contract that will be broken in the middle of it. Paul wrote: *“For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.”* (1 Ths 5:3).

But that will take place after our time. Brother Branham wanted to bring the Gospel to Israel, but God did not allow it. Quote: **“And so I’m waiting for that great time when I will go to Israel someday to bring the Gospel to them. I was right close to it, recently, had my ticket already bought. And I was at... I was in Egypt, and a half hour I’d been in, over there. And the Holy Spirit, just as definite as you hear my voice, said, ‘This is not the hour for the Jew yet.’ Israel will be saved as a nation. The whole nation will come at once. God deals with Israel as a nation; we all know that (See?), not as an individual: a nation. And He wouldn’t let me go.”** (July 8, 1962). Neither Brother Branham nor anyone else is destined to bring the Gospel to Israel; that is reserved for the two prophets, as it is written in Rev 11 and Zec 4:14.

First, the Redeemer will complete His Work of grace with the chosen ones from all nations and take His Bride up into glory in the Rapture for the marriage supper (1 Ths 4:13-17; Rev 19:5-9).

Our task is to sound forth the last call by bringing the final message to the people of God in all the nations of the earth. All who are born again through the Word and the Spirit of God hear, believe, and experience their preparation, and are finally taken up into glory in the Rapture. Amen.

We rejoice with Israel and are particularly grateful for the promise that the Word shall once again go forth from Jerusalem, from Mount Zion.

“Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.” (Isa 2:3).



The photo shows our tour group in the Knesset on May 17, 2018. On January 21, 2019, I wrote a letter to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu highlighting eight Old Testament Scriptures that are now being fulfilled in Israel.

May the faithful LORD bless all of you.

By His commission,

Bro. Frank