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NOTE: Please study this sermon in connection with our July 2007 sermon, "The Book of Revelation" (NO. 1)

## A Prophet Visits John On Patmos

If we can accept this word thus far, that all Bride existed in a supernatural body before the world was, than let us go a step further. We would have to believe that our Prophet is Bride and that he had a theophany body 2000 years ago when John the Revelator was on the Isle of Patmos to receive the Book of Revelation.

Rev. 1:1 tells us that an angel gave the revelations to John. In years past, we have supposed that this was a heavenly angel. This supposing was because we did not have full revelation on other Scripture pertaining to this mysterious subject.

When we read Rev. 19:9-10, we see that John tried to worship the angel that was showing him all the revelations, but he was corrected by the angel who said, "**I am thy fellow servant and of thy brethren, worship God.**"

But John was so overcome by the presence of this supernatural being that he tried the second time to worship him, and was told in Rev. 22:9, "**See thou do it not...for I am thy brethren the prophets.**"

There it is, the angel who gave John the Book of Revelation was a prophet. In teaching on this, Brother Branham said, in REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST, PAGE 25, and QUOTE: "And it

## CONTINUATION OF "THE BOOK OF REVELATION" AS REVEALED TO THE PROPHET, WILLIAM BRANHAM (NO. 2)

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was sent and signified this by His angel unto John. We do not know who the angel was. The Bible doesn't say who the angel was, but we know it was a prophet, then we find out later that when John started to worship the angel, the angel said, "**See thou do it not,** (Rev. 22:9) and he said, "**for I am of thy fellow servants the prophets.**"

CONT. QUOTE: .... "It might have been Elijah; it might have been one of the prophets. John was an Apostle, but this prophet was sent. Look at the nature of all the rest of the Epistles. That proves it wasn't John (who wrote the Book of Revelation) because it has no nature like John. John was a writer, but this is the spirit of a prophet." (End quote)

And so the Seventh Angel that came down on Sunset Mountain was actually the theophany body of William Branham, who was also standing there in his flesh body. We are saying that William Branham, standing in his flesh body, saw William Branham his theophany body. If this is true, then it would have to fit the Scriptures. In Rev. 4:4, we read, "**And round about the Throne were four and twenty seats, and upon the seats I saw four and twenty Elders sitting, clothed in white raiment, and they had on their heads crowns of gold.**"

We know that twelve of these Elders were the twelve Old Testament Patriarchs, and twelve were the New Testament Apostles. Therefore, when John the Revelator looked and saw twenty-four Elders, he was looking at his own theophany body as one of the twenty-four. And so, we conclude that it was not at all unscriptural for Brother Branham to see himself in his theophany. Mysterious? Yes indeed! But God promised to send us a prophet to reveal these mysteries. Rev. 10:7, "**But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound (preach) the mystery of God should be finished, as He hath declared to His servants the prophets.**"

### God in Flesh in These Last Days

The thrust of this message is to show that in this Holy Ghost dispensation, God has come down and is living in human flesh. Not only did He live in the body form of a major prophet named William Branham, but He also lives in all those who have the true baptism of the Holy Ghost in their soul. This does in no way make them deity to be worshipped, but it does prove where they came from....an attrib-

ute of God, spoken Word seed, created as a theophany before the foundation of the world. Eph. 1:4, **“According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.”**

Yes, it is true; Jesus Christ has come in the flesh bodies of His people in these last hours of time. I John 4:2-6, **“Hereby know ye the spirit of God, every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God. And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come, and even now is already in the world. Verse 6. “We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.”**

Of course we understand that these Scriptures refer to the Lord Jesus Christ, but we also know that many times a Scripture has more than one meaning and that this one also refers to the whole Bride of Christ when it speaks of Jesus Christ having come in the flesh.

And so as we study the message, we see where we came from, who we are, and where we go back to when we die.

QUOTE: WHO IS THIS MELCHISEDEC, PAGE 22, “Notice again, Melchisedec went to meet Abraham before he got back home. What a beautiful type we have here, Melchisedec meeting Abraham before he got back home, after the battle. We meet Jesus in the air before we get home! That’s right! II Thessalonians tells us that, for we meet Him in the air. A beautiful type of Rebecca meeting Isaac in the field, in the cool of the day. We

meet Him in the air. II Thes. Tells us so. **“For we which are alive and remain shall not prevent, or hinder those which are asleep, for the trumpet of God shall sound, the dead in Christ shall rise first, and we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them, to meet the Lord in the air.”** “Perfect! All these types.”

CONT. QUOTE: “Therefore the theophany, if you have died and entered into that theophany, what happens? The theophany comes to Earth to pick up the redeemed body. And if you’re here in the air (alive to meet Him in the air) you take the body to meet the theophany, there you are, and (we are) caught up to meet the Lord in the air....Now we see here plainly the complete secret of our lives in journey, and death, and where we go after we die. Also, predestination is in plain view here.” (End quote)

We pray that the teaching of Br. Branham that we have presented, along with Scriptures that prove his doctrine, has convinced the Bride concerning the mystery of the angel of Rev. 1:1! With all our heart we believe it to have been our Brother William Branham in his theophany body!

We are still in Rev. 1 and we will now look at Verse 4, **“John, to the seven churches which are in Asia; Grace be unto you, and peace, from Him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven spirits which are before His throne.”**

We will direct our attention toward the **“seven spirits which are before His throne.”** This is another mystery that was revealed by the opening of the Seven Seals. We know that God is one spirit, but here we have seven spirits that are before the throne of our one spirited God.

We would ask you to remember the teaching in the sermon you received in July, “...how that all of God’s Elect were created first in a body like unto God’s own body and that this creation took place *before* the world was created. (Gen. 1:26-27) The Prophet said,

QUOTE: CHRIST THE MYSTERY OF GOD REVEALED PAGE 16, “So my opinion, the first thing that He made was angels and then they worshipped Him, and that made Him God, and He started from there....that was before there was even a molecule in the earth, there was nothing.” (End quote)

We know that God created different kinds of angels, and that included the Theophany Bodies of His Elect Bride, who would sooner or later, appear on Earth in clay bodies. Other angels were never meant to live in flesh, but as the Prophet clearly taught, some were to have a counter-part in flesh, here on Earth!

We will ask the Lord to help us now as we piece the Prophet’s teaching together, to solve the mystery of these *seven spirits*.

We notice in Rev. 1:4, that the Scripture speaks of Seven Churches in Asia, a type of the Seven Church Ages to come, and then ties the Seven Spirits before the Throne together with the Seven Churches!

We also know that the Bible shows that there was to be Seven Angels who would preach their respective messages to each church age, as history unfolded (see Rev. 2:1). And on down to the last church age.

We know too, that these Seven Angels were seven flesh and blood men; each born in the age allotted them by God. The First Church Age (Rev. 2:1) was the Apostle Paul, a human angel messenger. The Second Church Age Messenger, a human angel messenger (Rev. 2:18)

was a man named Irenaeus. And so the Scriptures continue in like fashion to send a human angel messenger to the other five Church Ages, the last one, the Laodecian Age Messenger, being our own Prophet, William Branham. Knowing that all seven of these men, Paul, Irenaeus, Martin, Columba, Martin Luther, John Wesley and William Branham, were all members of God's Bride, and being Bride, they had Theophany bodies in the Heavens, we are getting a clue as to who the Seven Spirits before the Throne are! Before these Seven Messengers ever appeared on Earth, they were in Heaven in a Theophany body!

QUOTE: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON HEBREWS PART 3, PAGE 339, "Now, if you take the theophany when you are looking at that, that's a man. Now that we...Now, that's where we were in the beginning. Now, you do not understand it now, but you was back there in the beginning that way. When man made...When God made man in His image. He made him a theophany." (End quote)

All of God's elect were first created in a supernatural body like God's own Theophany Body! (Yes, God has a theophany.)

QUOTE: IF GOD BE WITH US, PAGE 10, "It was God, it was a Theophany. A man in the form of God, like appeared to Abraham back in the wilderness, and He looked like a man." (End quote) Gen 3:8 tells us that in Eden, before Adam sinned, God walked and talked with them. He must have been in His Theophany body. This includes the Seven Church Age Messengers we named above, and also you and me, if we are Elect Bride!

In proving by the Scripture and by the Message that the Seven Spirits before the Throne were the

Theophany bodies of the Seven Church Age Messengers, we need to explain a statement Br. Branham made.

QUOTE: C.O.D. BOOK, PAGE 339, "In the beginning, God...We'll go back to our Hebrew teaching just for a few minutes. God was this great, big fountain of seven colors. How many knows that? See? And how many knows that God has *seven spirits*? Absolutely, *seven spirits*. And there was *seven eyes* in the lamb, and so forth, all that coming together now. See? Now, that was God." (End quote)

To the natural mind, it would be possible to suppose that Br. Branham was teaching that God is a seven spirited God. But to those who understand the Scriptures and the Message, we know that the Prophet knew that God is "one Spirit." He clearly taught "one God" who had "one Spirit". He knew the Scriptures we will list below.

Eph. 4:4-5, "**There is one body and one spirit, even as you are called in one hope of your calling. One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.**"

Gal. 3:20, "**Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one.**"

Mark 12:32-34, "**And the Scribe said unto Him, well, Master, Thou hast said the truth, for there is one God, and there is none other but He.**" Verse 34, "**And when Jesus saw that he had answered discreetly, He said unto him, thou art not far from the Kingdom of God...**"

Many other Scriptures teach one God with one spirit, so we need a Revelation about what the Prophet meant when he said, "God has seven spirits."

A key to understanding Scripture is the principle that says, "Scripture always explains Scripture." When we lack understanding about a certain Scripture, there will be another one that will reveal its meaning. The same is true about the Message God gave Br. Branham where one statement he made is unclear; there will be an explanation to clear it up somewhere else (or a correction). God watched over His own Message, so that the *Corrected Message* is "Thus Saith the Lord."

The following quote will reveal what the Prophet meant when he said, "God has seven spirits!"

QUOTE: REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST, PAGE 668, "Rev. 4:5, '**...and seven lamps...before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.**' "Seven lamps." Let's draw a little bit here, the Throne, the holy place, the congregation. And right *here* was (one, two, three, four, five, six, seven) seven stars, seven lamps, seven messengers, seven Spirits; not altogether meaning that God is in seven Spirits, but "seven manifestations of the same Holy Spirit."

"Where's the Holy Spirit? Here at the Throne, shining out in each church age. *This* church age is reflecting back this a-way, the voices of God, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. See, seven, there was "voices." "And seven lamps on fire," seven Spirits, "which are the seven Spirits of God." (End quote)

Notice! He ties the Seven Stars and the Seven Lamps together as being the same as the Seven Church Age Messengers! He also said, "God is not a seven Spirited God, but there was seven manifestations of the same Holy Spirit, one-Spirited God!"

QUOTE: THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST, PAGE 672,

“Thrones, lightnings....What? “Seven Lamps,” or lamps, or seven stars, called “seven Spirits,” meaning the mani...seven manifestations of the Holy Spirit of the Seven Church Ages at the seven seats of mercy for the people. Here they are: seven seats of mercy, seven seats, seven churches, seven stars, seven manifestations, seven Spirits, seven lamps. Oh, my, how God is so perfect!” (End quote)

Notice again, how Br. Branham ties the Seven Lamps, the Seven Stars, and the seven Spirits all together as being the same. They all type the Theophany Bodies of the Seven Church Age Messengers.

QUOTE: THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST, PAGE 667, “Now, “The Voice of the Throne.” Notice in this Throne. “before the Throne was seven stars,” the Voice of the stars.” “Voices,” you see. There was more in the Revelation 4 here, or 5, we find out, “And out of the Throne proceeded lightning, thunders, and voices. Not one voice; “voices” plural. What is it?

God speaking, to the church, reflecting Himself through the seven Spirits. When the true anointed of God speaks, it’s the Voice of God! To reject it is to remove the candlestick. See? “Voices,” the Voice of the Seven Church Ages (over here in the corner). the voices speaking with thunder and lightning.” (End quote)

God reflected Himself through the Seven Spirits, to each church age! The Prophet has said that the Seven Lamps of Fire, the Seven Spirits of God, the Seven Eyes, and the Seven Stars are all the same. This is to say, they all represent the Seven Church Age Messengers!

The Scripture itself says in Rev. 1:20, that the Seven Stars are the Angels (Earthly Angels) of the Seven Church (They are Seven Theophany bodied men.) It also says, “The Seven Candlestick Holders are the Seven Churches.”

Notice! The Candlesticks themselves type the Seven Churches. but the lights on the Candlesticks type the Angel Messengers.

And so we have Seven Spirits (Rev.1:4). Seven Candlesticks (Rev.1:12). Seven Stars (Rev.1:16) and Seven Eyes (Rev. 5:6) In Rev. 1:20 we see Seven Angels of the Seven Churches! And, the Prophet and the Scriptures have said they are all the same.

We know that if those Seven Spirits were the Seven Church Age Messengers, they had to be standing there in their Theophany Bodies. This was long before they were ever made in flesh and appeared on Earth. The natural mind cannot accept these supernatural mysteries. We cannot reason it out! But, God is renewing our minds (Rom. 12:2) The Prophet and the Scriptures teach that all Elect Bride first existed in Heaven in a supernatural body called a Theophany.

**NOTICE: The September sermon will be a continuation of this same message. The series started in July 2007. Please read them in dated sequence.**

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