

Zero Comes After Laodicea

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E-36 God has got a new system. It's not the old system; it's a new system. He's bringing His church up. They're getting smaller in minority all the time. They did in the days of Noah, they did in the days of Lot. **They always do, till they get very, very, small. But still that little grain of God is still moving on, getting more powerful, and powerful, all the time.**

The true church of the living God is miles up the road today than what it was. We see it. We know it. It's the truth. I don't mean organization. Now, you're back down to the horse and buggy again. You see? We're climbing above that thing. Don't want to go back to that again. No, I should say not. All right.

The spiritual astronaut is in Christ, and he's listening to the Word of God, the countdown, to see where it's going. And he's fixing to leave now, not for the moon, he will pass the moon so fast. He's on His road to heaven, and he's listening to the countdown. Yes, he's headed for heaven in a rapture of the glory of God. He's in Christ, wrapped in His glory, headed for heaven with Him, leave the earth.

E-37 People in the natural stood speechless, you remember, a few months ago when John Glenn got in that tube to be the astronaut. And they stood speechless, the nation did, when they begin to give the countdown. They started, "Ten, nine, eight, seven, five, six, four, three, two, one, zero."

And when the big astronaut begin to turn loose the atomic energy in her, the fire begin to fly and they took off, the whole world stood in a shock. Certainly. Notice.

But did you notice? Always their countdown was backwards: "Ten, nine, eight, seven, five, six, four, three, two, one, zero." That's the way the world always does anyhow. It was backwards. That's the way the world does anything. That's the way man does. It's backwards from God. See?

E-38 And anyhow, ten is not a spiritual number in the Bible. Anyone knows that. God's number is seven. That's His perfect number. And God... His--His perfect number is seven. And God, His countdown starts at one. Right. Man starts at ten, goes backwards. God starts at one, and goes forward.

Man started his count, his countdown, and God started His first count. Would you like to know when He started it? He started it in A.D. 33, when He started counting His seven churches ages. When He got them finished, it was all right. Right. Here's the way God counted from one to seven: "Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis,

Philadelphia, Laodicea, zero." Amen. Right. **See, zero comes after Laodicea.** We done passed that age now. She's got lukewarm and spurted away, her all falls.

But we're in Christ, and Christ has counted His church ages. There's only seven of them. It's the Bible. We just come through them at the--at the Tabernacle, showing each one: their stars, their ministers, and the Light of the day, and down to Lutheran for, and the Philadelphian, John Wesley, and on down to the Laodicea, each age, how the fall away would come, and what this would be, and what the Scripture said they would do, and there it was. We found it in history, just exactly.

E-39 And now we are passing over the Laodicea age. We all know that. Every one of us that knows the Bible knows that's right. Well, where's the count at then? It's seven. And the next is zero. See? What? Ephesus was the first church age, Smyrna second, Pergamos third, Thyatira fourth, Sardis fifth, Philadelphia sixth, and Laodicea seventh. Now, we've passed through that Pentecostal age. We've passed through the Lutheran age; we've passed through the Wesley age. And look. As soon as the church started, God begin to show signs in the earth, showing that He was advancing His church from justification, to sanctification, to the baptism of the Holy Ghost, now to the astronaut. Amen. That's what we're looking for, is astronauts, somebody who can get away from this earthbound thing here: have to belong to some organization or something like that.

E-40 God's looking for a men who can climb up into the highs like a eagle, take his flight, and go plumb on into the heavenlies up yonder, where all things are possible up above this earthbound clucking down here, hitting on four cylinders, and the water jacket busted on the inside: don't even know how to be baptized yet. Oh, my. And all that fussing going on, we fly away from it. Amen. Why, yes. I think this, friends: If the whole nation stood in awe, and watching through television when the countdown come for that astronaut, John Lynn--Glenn, to leave up in towards his first flight towards the moon, to get up above that--and the whole earth stood amazed as they seen that astronaut take off; what will the whole universe stand still when the great eagle of the Church of God, when she spreads Her great wings one of these mornings, propelled by the Holy Ghost and fire, when She takes Her shiver off the earth and goes into the heavenlies? The whole universe will know it. Angels will welcome Him in with a triumph. Amen.

We are living in the astronaut age, going into the heavenlies. People can't understand it. When you talk about a shock coming, just wait till that church starts moving up, when that great eagle called the Church of God, redeemed by the Blood of Jesus Christ,

spreads forth Her wings, and the power of the Holy Ghost begins to lift Her up off the earth. It's going to be a wonderful time.

Remember, an automobile can't follow it; neither can an airplane. It's astronaut. Let's be an astronaut. Let's believe God. Now, you see what it is.

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138 Now I can imagine, some of the borderline believers, that sat around and listened to Noah's message, and set off a piece, you know, they said, "You know what, that old man might have been right. Let's go up and stand around. He said, 'It's going to start raining when that door shuts.' God told him He would shut the door, it was going to rain. Let's go up and stand around. And if it does start raining, we'll knock on the door. Because he's a kindhearted old man, he'll open the door."

139 You see, **sometimes you're looking at the messenger instead of the Message.** **God shut the door. No matter how kindhearted Noah was, it was God that done the shutting and opening, whatever He wants.**

140 "Brother Branham, there's a man sitting down here on the corner. Go down and heal him, we'll believe in Divine healing." That's the Devil.

141 The same one said, when they put a rag around His face and hit him on top of the head, in the court, he said, "If You be a prophet, tell us who hit You now. We'll believe it." He don't clown for nobody. "If Thou be the son of God, turn these stones into bread. If thou be!" He could have done it, but He don't clown for nobody. "If Thou be the son of God, come down off the cross." The clergy was saying that, see. He didn't clown for nobody.

142 He done just as the Father showed Him, and nothing else. That's what He said, Saint John 5:19, "The Son can do nothing in Himself, only what He sees the Father doing." There you are. Notice.

"We'll go up and stand around the ark, if it starts raining..."

143 I imagine Noah said... He got in the first layer, climbed up to the next layer (the birds) from the creeping things, up to the next office. From justification, up to sanctification (the birds), then he went from that on into the baptism of the Holy Ghost; where the window was, where the light could come in. "I got up in the heavenly, sit down." Said, "All right, family, you that come in here with me, in the morning... It's getting late this afternoon now. Now God closed the door down there. In the morning, there will be darkness all over the earth. In the morning, the rains will go to falling and the ark will float away, and God will--will diminish every one of those cruel sinners that's disbelieved the Message." All of them waiting.

144 The next morning, got up, looked out, pretty and bright. He went in the ark, how many knows what day he went in on? The 17th day of May, when Noah was six hundred years old. The 17th day of May, the Bible said so. And when he went in, the 17th day passed, the sun come up just as hot as it ever was.

145 I'd imagine them, borderline, saying, "Ah! I told you there wasn't nothing to it! What are you all hanging around up there for? Get away from such a quack!"
"Well, I guess that was right."

146 But, you see, there is a dividing line that's drawn between belief and unbelief. And you either come one side or the other. And there's a time when you receive your last call.

147 So, the second day, what a disappointment that was to Noah and his church, when he told them God is going to destroy the world. But you know how long he sat it out? Seven days, nothing happened. Testing!

148 **Then on the eighth day, there was darkness all over the earth, great big drops begin to fall from the sky, the water begin to pour, and the fountains was broke up. The streets filled up with water. People knocked at the door, but Noah couldn't even hear them. And she floated above the highest hill, and all without the ark perished.**

149 God testing Noah, to see if he would try to climb out the window, or something. After He had already made the promise, Noah sat it out!

150 That's it! When you've got the promise, and you know it's a promise, stay with it! Abraham had to be tested. Stay with the promise!

151 Now, they got their last sign. Then their body was changed. And immediately little Isaac appeared on the scene, lovely little Jewish boy. I'd imagine after his eight days he was circumcised. How that young mother, hundred years old... How that Abraham, hundred years old; or her ninety, and him a hundred; how they must have been about, around their twenties, rejoicing. This young little fellow, how sweet he was!

152 And you know, God said, "Now to make the people in days to come (the Seed of Abraham) know, your Seed know that I keep My promise to any man that will hold onto My Word, I'm going to give him a test."

153 When the little boy got about fourteen years old. I imagine, little shaggy hair and pretty little eyes. Oh, how that happy father and mother! You know how you parent are with your child, only child. Then God said to Abraham... Now, He wouldn't tell it to Sarah, because Sarah was the weaker vessel. And so He said, "Abraham, I want you to take this little boy that I've give you, the one that I'm going to make you a father of many nations by, and I want you to take him up on the mountain that I'm going to

show you tonight in a vision, and there kill him." Destroy the only hope that there was for him to be a father of nations, for God to keep His Word; God said, "I make you a father of nations." He's waited now all these years, till he's a hundred years old, hundred and fourteen years old. "And here's the little boy now, and the only evidence that you've got that I will keep My Word, you go up and destroy it. I still going to make you a father of nations by this child."

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107 God gave Abraham a promise. Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness. But He sealed the covenant by the seal of circumcision.

108 And God gives you a promise, potentially, that you will receive it, and you're going to be raised up, this body is going to be glorified with Him at the end time. But, you see, you have to get a clearance on that deed. And the clearance is when everything against it has been stricken off, and you got the abstract to it. You've got the seal. It's yours. Everything is on it belongs to you. Amen.

20-4 THE.REVELATION.OF.JESUS.CHRIST - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.1

Luke 2:11 says,

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, Which is Christ the Lord".

He was born the Christ, and eight days later when He was circumcised He was named Jesus, even as the angel had told them. I was born a Branham. When I was born they gave me the name of William. He was CHRIST but He was given a name down here among men. That outward tabernacle men could see was called Jesus. He was the Lord of Glory, the Almighty manifested in flesh. He is God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. He is all that.

20-5 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are just titles. They are not names. That is why we baptize in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, for that is a name, not a title. It is the name of those titles, just like you take a new born baby who is a son and name him. Baby is what it is, son is the title, then you name him, John Henry Brown. You just don't baptize in 'Jesus Name'. There are thousands of Jesuses in the world and have been even before Jesus, our Saviour. But there is only one of them born the Christ, "Lord Jesus Christ".

21-1 People talk about Jesus being the Eternal Son of God. Now isn't that a contradiction? Whoever heard of a 'Son' being eternal? Sons have beginnings, but that which is eternal never had a beginning. He is the Eternal God (Jehovah) manifested in the flesh.

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3 Now, it's a--it's a great beautiful morning outside and in, as this Easter season is approaching now. And--and we're now coming up to the last Seal tonight, the Lord willing. And it's a very mysterious Seal, very, very, because it's not even... It's not even mentioned in the Scriptures nowhere, no symbols, anything to hold onto. It's got to come right direct from heaven. See?

And it--it's a kind of a straining hour for me. It has been all week. Now, this is my, be my eighth day in a room. And I noticed in here many... In these requests, I had to kind of pick out. There was many of them that was wanting interviews. And I--I love that. I'd like to--to give that now (See?), but I--I can't right now, 'cause you understand that--that the whole... What we're trying to do now is find the revelation of--of the will of the Lord. You see, and then when we have the interview, then it pulls you off over onto another side and--of something else. See?

And then, and like in prayer for the sick, that's altogether different. You... Visions and things, you study different, and you--you're anointed different. Just like in--in the Bible said there: "A--a tree that's planted by the--the rivers of water." Rivers of water.. See? Same water but there's an outlet comes this a way, this a way, and this a way. It depends on what outlet. It's the same Spirit.

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29 Now, I want to make this real clear. Every time, every time that these Seals has come to the place, everything that I ever believed on them and has read of other people, has been contrary to what come to me in the room. And my mind, at this time... The reason I had that healing service this morning, because my human mind is becoming so away from my own way of thinking. I have tried to stay in a--in a room with the shades pulled down, a light on (This is the eighth day.) and not even got in my car to--to go anywhere.

I had to go with some brothers down to the bank to sign some notes and things on money and stuff that's been borrowed for this church, but I--a--but I come right straight back and went right to study. And the strange thing, there hasn't been one person said anything or... Usually they're knocking and pulling and around. There hasn't been one thing. It's been very phenomenal.

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64-0802 THE.FUTURE.HOME.OF.THE.HEAVENLY.BRIDE.GROOM.AND.THE EARTHLY.BRIDE

184 We read in John, read John in Revelation 6:14, see, "it departed as a scroll." The Bible said the... that it... John said, "I saw the heaven and earth depart as a scroll." John, Revelation 6:14.

185 Jesus said, "Heavens and earth shall pass away," or, other words, "heavens and earth shall be changed." See, used that same word right there again.

186 No, not annihilated. For, later, in Revelations 21:2 to 24, he seen the New Jerusalem coming down from God out of Heaven, and sitting upon this earth. It doesn't mean it'll be annihilated. The systems will be changed.

187 Daniel saw the same thing. A Rock struck the world, was hewed out without hands; and the whole image of the systems was broke down and become like chaff on a summer threshingfloor, and the wind packed it away. And the Rock, Itself, grew into a great Mountain that covered the earth. Watch that Mountain now, in a little bit. That Mountain covered the earth.

188 Also, we find out here, over in, also, in Revelations there, it said, "The kings of the New Earth will bring their honor and glory into it." In the earth, is sitting... The New Jerusalem is sitting on this earth. See, it just changed.

189 You're the same man, in stature, that you was when God called you, same woman. But, you see, what it did, it was a regeneration. The old life passed away. The old desire has passed away. When, you used to like to drink, and cuss, and fuss, and stew, and run around, and immoral, that thing just died. See? But now you are used... Then you was Satan's instrument; now you are redeemed.

190 And that's what the world will be, the same way, redeemed, a New Heavens and New Earth.

191 Just like you, "You are a new creature." And the Greek word there, anybody knows, said, "You are a new creation." Amen! A new creation in the same old temple. Hallelujah. Watch what happens here now. Glorious! All right.

192 Now we find that this earth will hold the kings of the earth.

193 And, again, in Matthew 5:5, Jesus said, "The meek shall inherit the earth." It isn't going to, just going to have another earth. It's just going to be the same earth. I'm trying to get the--the plan of redemption to you, before, if I don't get nothing else, see. The baptism of Fire, on it, only is to cleanse it and make it a fit place for His meek to live in. See? Oh!

194 Like He did us, His creation, to live in. Before He could come in it, He had to give us the baptism of Fire; then the Holy Ghost come in and live, baptism of Fire. Then,

when you get that baptism of Fire, then the Holy Ghost can come in. What? As It does, It burns up everything contrary to the Word, out of you. See? It won't believe nothing else but the Word, because It is the Word. See? See? See?

195 Now, that's what we was talking the other day, the evidence of the Holy Ghost. See? **The evidence of the Holy Ghost is when you can receive the Word; not some system, but have a clear understand. How do you know the Word is clear, understand It? Watch It vindicate Itself.**

196 "Well," you say, "I see this do it, and that." Oh, yes, weeds live the same way. See?

197 **But it's got to be the entire Word. To be the Bride, you have to be part of Him. He is the Word. See? And what a part of Him is it? The Word that's promised for this day when He calls His Bride. Be a part of that.** You get it? Now, don't--don't lose that now. Notice.

And He makes it a fit place to live through Eternity.

198 Notice, this is still not referred to... This Millennium reign, the thousand years, is not the New Earth. See, the Millennium reign is a different reign. That's what we go into, the Millennium, but that isn't the New Earth, the New Heaven. No, no. That's just a rest place, see, a rest period, not at all the New Heavens and New Earth; for, you see, in the Millennium we have things that would not go into That. It's a type of the old seventh day, out at Eden; the seventh day, after He made the world. The seventh day, He rested in Eden, and the Millennium.