

DO YOU KNOW WHO THIS MAN IS?



This man was born near Burksville, Kentucky, on April the sixth, 1909, in a little old log cabin. The morning of his birth something very unusual happened. After the midwife had washed him and placed him by his mother, she walked over to open up the little wooden window so that the young mother could see her first born baby: William Marrion Branham. Upon opening the window a supernatural Light came whirling in the room and circled around the baby and laid down on the bed. When the midwife and parents saw this halo they began to cry; they were afraid and did not understand what it all meant. Not until many years later did those who knew about the halo understand that God had His hand on this man for a great ministry to the people of the world.

The baby grew. The first time that God spoke audibly to him was when he was about seven years old. While he was helping his father carrying some water, he stopped to rest under an old poplar tree. Suddenly, he heard a Voice out from the tree saying: "Never drink, smoke or defile your body in any way, for I have a work for you to do when you get older."

Two weeks later as he was playing on the banks of the Ohio River, he saw a vision. He noticed what appeared to him to be a bridge coming up from the Kentucky side of the river, over towards Indiana. As the bridge was progressing towards Indiana, he saw sixteen men drop from the bridge into the water. Twenty-two years later when the Municipal Bridge was built between Louisville and Jeffersonville, sixteen men lost their lives. God was speaking to the young man and laying the foundation for him to have faith in the things that God would show him in the future years.

At the age of fourteen he was out hunting and had an accident which caused him to be hospitalized for seven months. At this time the Voice came back to him many times, but he was afraid of It and he always refused to listen and to respond. But God dealt with him during those months while he was in the hospital, even though all this time he rejected and refused to listen to God. At the age of 19 he became very ill, he was told that his appendix would have to be removed and the operation was necessary for recovery.

He concluded that maybe he was more sick than he realized. In that case he wanted someone with him who knew God. So he called for the Pastor of the First Baptist Church who stayed there with him as he went into the operating room. Just before they started to operate, he felt that he was rapidly growing weaker. Fear entered his mind that he would never come out of this operation but that he'd be called upon to meet his God, and he realized that he was not ready. For the first time in his life he called upon God for help.

Immediately after the operation he experienced another vision which was the turning point in his life. He saw himself deep in a great forest. The sound of wind and rustling leaves was coming closer and closer. He thought to himself that it was death, coming to take him away. Oh, how he cried to God because he was not ready to meet his Creator. The wind came closer and louder. Then it seemed as if he was

back again in his boyhood days, standing there in the lane underneath that poplar tree where he first heard the Voice speak to him when he was seven years old. Again the Voice spoke: "Never drink, smoke or defile your body in any way... I called you and you would not go." The words were repeated three times. Then Mr. Branham cried: "Lord, if that is You, let me go back to earth again and I'll preach Your Gospel from the housetops and street corners. I'll tell everyone about It."

The vision was over. He felt stronger and realized that death was not near but that he would be well. The doctor had not left the hospital because he wanted to check on the progress of his patient. When he saw William Branham he said: "I'm not a church going man; my practice is so great I don't have time. But I know that God has visited this boy." Evidently the doctor had felt that William Branham would not live through the operation, but not only had he lived through it but appeared to be stronger and well on his way to recovery.

After a few days he was released from the hospital and returned home. He then started out to seek God. From church to church he went, trying to find some place where Christians would help him and instruct him as how to contact God.

One night, at home, he became so hungry for God he was afraid he could not live unless he found Him. Not wanting to bother anyone in the house, he went out into an old wood shed in the back of the house and there he tried to pray. He did not know how to pray but he lifted his heart to God and cried out the best he could. Suddenly, there appeared a Light in the form of a cross and a Voice spoke to him in a language he did not understand. Then it went away. He became frightened and wondered as he said: "Lord, if this is You, please come back and talk to me again." The Light re-entered the shed. As he prayed it appeared again the third time. Now he realized that he had met God. He was happy; he was thankful.

He lifted his heart to God in thanksgiving as he jumped and ran into the house as though he was running on air. His mother said: "Bill, what has happened to you?" He answered: "I do not know, but I sure feel good." Rather than stay in the house where the people were, he went outside where he could be alone with his new found Friend.

He began to attend a Baptist Church and one of the first things he realized was that God wanted him in the ministry. Realizing that the

disciples had something modern ministers did not have, he asked God to give him what the early disciples had. The disciples were baptized with the Holy Ghost, healed the sick, and did mighty miracles in the Name of Jesus. He began to pray for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. About six months later when he received the baptism, God spoke to him telling him to preach the Word and pray for the sick.

Within six months after his conversion, plans were being made for his first service. He began tent meetings in his own home town of Jeffersonville. It was estimated that as many as three thousand people attended a single service and a large number were converted.

At the baptismal service which followed the campaign, over a hundred and thirty people were baptized in water. It was at this time that the heavenly Light appeared above him as he was baptizing the seventeenth person, like a great star, and from that Light came forth a Voice that said: "*As John the Baptist was sent to forerun the first coming of Christ, so you are sent forth with a **MESSAGE** to forerun the second coming of Christ*". This Light was witnessed by the large congregation that stood on the banks of the Ohio River and the newspaper carried an article pertaining to it.

On May the 7th, 1946, an Angel who had spoken to Brother Branham in audible voice at intervals from his childhood, finally



appeared to him, and among other things told him that Christ's coming was near at hand. And the Heavenly Messenger said: "I am sent from the presence of Almighty God to tell you that God has sent you to take a gift of healing to the peoples of the world."

Now, notice, as God sent an Angel to be with Moses, and gave him two perfect miracles as signs and proofs to the people that God had appeared to him and commissioned him, under divine guidance, to be their deliverer (Exod. 4:1-31), just so, the Lord sent an Angel to be with and to prosper Brother Branham, He has also given him two perfect miraculous signs which have served to raise the faith of thousands of the humanly incurable to the level where the "Gift of Healing" operates. The first sign: he would have been able to detect and diagnose all diseases and afflictions; the second sign: the Angel told him that the anointing would cause him to see and enable him to tell the sufferers many of the events of their lives from their childhood down to the present time. Even their thoughts while they were coming to the platform or before they came to the meeting. God confirmed the preaching of His servant with signs and wonders; He began to show him some wrong things that the churches preached and practiced, like the water baptism in the titles instead of the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

One day this man was in Houston, Texas, to preach the Word of God. During the meeting that same Light that appeared on the Ohio River rested above his head and a picture was taken.

The negative was brought to George J. Lacy, Examiner of Questioned Documents, in order to ascertain whether or not the Light over the head of Brother Branham could be the result of improper exposure, developing or retouching. Mr. Lacy agreed to examine the negative and then give his opinion concerning it.



After several examinations Mr. Lacy declared that the negative was original and a supernatural Light had struck the camera.

One Sunday morning of June 1933, God gave His prophet seven visions concerning the future times:

- The first vision was that Mussolini would invade Ethiopia and that nation would "fall at his steps", and that Mussolini would come to a horrible end with his own people turning on him. That came to pass just exactly as it was said.

- The second vision foretold that an Austrian by the name of Adolph Hitler would rise up as dictator over Germany, and that he would draw the world into war. It showed the Siegfried line and how the American troops would have a terrible time to overcome it. Then it showed that Hitler would come to a mysterious end.

- The third vision showed that there would be three great ISMS, Fascism, Nazism, Communism, but that the first two would be swallowed up into the third. The voice admonished, "WATCH RUSSIA, WATCH RUSSIA. Keep your eye on the King of the North."

- The fourth vision showed the great advances in science that would come after the second world war. It was headed up in the vision of a car round like an egg that was running down beautiful highways under remote control, and the people appeared seated in this car without a steering wheel and they were playing some sort of a game to amuse themselves.

- The fifth vision had to do with the moral problem of our age, concerning mostly around women. God showed him that women began to be out of their place with the granting of the vote. Then they cut off their hairs, which signified that they were no longer under the authority of a man but insisted on either equal rights, or in most cases, more than equal rights. She adopted men's clothing and went into a state of undress, until the last picture he saw was a woman naked except for a little fig leaf type apron. With this vision he saw the terrible perversion and moral plight of the whole world.

- Then in the sixth vision there arose up in America a most beautiful, but cruel woman. She held the people in her complete power. This was the rise of the Roman Catholic Church in America.

- In the last and seventh vision he heard a terrible explosion. As he turned to look he saw nothing but debris, craters, and smoke all over the

land of America.

On February 28th, 1963, while he was on the Sunset Mountain in Arizona, he was taken up in a great Cloud formed of seven Angels. God told him to return home, for, **THUS SAITH THE LORD**, the seven mysteries that had been hid in the Bible all these years, were going to be open in the Seven Seals of Revelation.



Br. Branham obeyed this Divine Voice and God revealed the Seven Seals through His prophet. Some of these mysteries are: the Serpent's seed, marriage and divorce, the mark of the beast, and so on. Science could not explain this Supernatural Cloud. A picture of It was published on *Life* magazine of May 17th, 1963; and also was published on *Science* magazine on April 19th, 1963.

In the book of Malachi 4:5, the Spirit of the Lord said: *“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.”*

In Revelation 10:7 is written: *“But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.”*

Jesus said: *“As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they did drink, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the floods came, and destroyed them all... Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.”* (St. Luke 17:26-30) *“As it was in the days of Noah...”* Many people can see the moral condition of those days but few people realizes that in those days there

was a prophet, Noah, who preached the Message of that hour so that someone could be saved by accepting It. Think about this, dear reader! What was it? God fulfilling His Word! Amos 3:7: *Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.* And the God of Heaven promised the evening time would have evening Light. It's more late than you think! The promises are fulfilled. What time is it, sir? God fulfilling His Word! *He's the same yesterday, today, and forever.*

Search the Scriptures about these things!

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May God bless you!



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