

"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and for ever."

(heb. 13: 8)

Circular Letter

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Special greetings to all of you in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ with the Scripture passage from Isa. 45: 11:

" Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker: Ask me of things to come concerning my sons; and concerning the work of my hands, command ye me. "

What important statements! The Lord Himself has spoken. We can ask Him about things to come, we can also ask Him about His sons and concerning the work of His hands. We have confidence in Him and in the infallible answers He gives us by His Word. We do not explain anything, we just permit the Holy Spirit to reveal unto us the future things based on the prophetic Scriptures. In Bible prophecy we are mainly concerned with the events foretold and then happened in reality at the first coming of Christ and secondly now with the space of time just before His return. For both periods all essential events are foretold in the Holy Scriptures.

Everything in reference to the forerunner namely John the Baptist and of course everything pertaining to our Lord, the Messiah, from His birth until His resurrection and ascension to glory. The Lord Himself, the four evangelists and also the apostles used every opportunity to base whatever happened on the foundation of the prophetic Scriptures. Because God is omniscient He could foretell everything. **The end was before Him as the beginning, the future as well as the present.** He saw and planned everything that was to happen from the beginning of time until it merges into eternity.

Who ever asked God about the future things which then at the first coming of Christ were presently taking place oriented themselves with the word of prophecy. The same infallible way the Lord has now with His own. The foretold prophecy merges into fulfilled reality before our very eyes.

In Lk. 24 we find several important utterances of our Lord which can show us and be beneficial to our understanding of His plan at this time. " Then he said unto them, o foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ... And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them, in all the scriptures, the things concerning himself. " After He referred to all the prophetic Scriptures which then came to their fulfilment, He opened their understanding for the same. Thus the promised Word became illuminated and of course their hearts were burning while He spoke with them.

"And he said unto them, These are the words which I spoke unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms,

concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures. "

When the Lord spoke to the prophet Daniel and revealed unto him the future events and the things pertaining to the last days, he was told by the angel Gabriel who was commissioned by the Almighty God, "... and I am come to show thee; for thou art greatly beloved. Therefore, understand the matter, and consider the vision. " Undoubtedly we are now in the midst of the fulfilment of end-time Bible prophecy. We are not only living in the end-time, we are swiftly moving towards the end of the time of grace. The Word the Lord revealed to His servants, the prophets, has shown forth the right application to His apostles gives us the same light in a perfect manner by the same Holy Spirit.

Also in this regard God does not change His mind or the way He does things. The same applies to His servants at all times. They were connected with the plan of salvation and had the ministry of the Word. For each event they found the respective prophetic Scripture and built thereupon. Thus it happens now. With the servants of God there is no theoretical, illusional proclamation or any guessing, but rather in the contrary an absolute certain and obligatory exposition of the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God and the end-time events.

The documented examples in the Bible will show us how the servants of God divided and placed the Scriptures. The Lord does the same today with His own as He did then. HE points at two things: the prophecies and the fulfilment. The comparison of twenty Bible references will actually show forth what is meant. That is the way to divide and to place God's Word correctly under the direct anointing and leading of the Holy Spirit. Most of the time in the comparisons it was possible to take just one part of the verse from the Old Testament and then continue with the same as given in the New Testament. Everything happened so precisely to the letter that we can only be astonished. The resurrected Lord did not point to His authority, to His signs and wonders to legitimate Himself. He was the living Word that became flesh and He used the written Word which was fulfilled in Him as His authority. The same He does today. He points to the promised Word which comes to fulfilment in His church and in all other spheres which are included in the end-time plan of God. To Him be the Glory.

Overwhelming comparisons which convince

Promises	Fulfilment
Isa. 7: 14: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son..."	Mt. 1: 23: "...and they shall call his name Immanuel..."
Isa. 40: 3: "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness ... "	Mt. 3: 3: "... Prepare ye the way of the Lord..."
Mal. 3: 1: "Behold, I will send my messenger..."	Mt. 11: 10: "... who shall prepare thy way before thee..."
Mic. 5: 2: "But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though thou be little ... yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel..."	Lk. 2: 15: "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us."
Dt. 18:15: "The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken"	Acts 3: 22-23: "... every soul, who will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people."
Zech. 11: 12: "- - If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. They weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver. "	Mt. 27: 9-10: And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of So him ... And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me. "
Zech. 9: 9: "... behold, thy King cometh unto thee, he is just, and having salvation ... "	Mt. 21: 5: "... and sitting upon an ass, and a colt, the foal of an ass. "
Zech. 13: 7: "Smite the shepherd..."	Mt. 26: 31: "... and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. "
Ps. 118: 22: "The stone which the builders refused..."	Mk. 12: 10: "... is become the head of the corner."
Ps. 2: 7: "Thou art my Son..."	Heb. 1: 5a: "... this day have I begotten thee. "
2 Sam. 7: 14: "I will be his father..."	Heb. 1: 5b: "... and he shall be to me a Son. "

Ps. 22: 22: "I will declare thy name unto my brethren"	Heb. 2: 12: "... in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee."
Ps. 22: 1: "My God, my God..."	Mt. 27: 46: "... why hast thou forsaken me? "
Ps. 41: 9: "Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted... against me. "	Jn. 13: 18: "... he that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel"
Ps. 22:7: "All they who see me laugh me to scorn"	Mt. 27: 39: " wagging their heads..."
Ps. 22: 16: "... they pierced my hands and my feet."	Rev. 1: 7: "... and every eye shall see him, and they also who pierced him"
Ps. 22: 18: "They part my garments..."	Jn. 19: 24: "and for my vesture they did cast lots. "
Isa. 53: 4: "Surely he hath borne our..."	Mt. 8: 17: "He himself took our griefs infirmities..."
Isa. 35: 5: "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. "	Mt. 11: 5: "The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear..."
Ps. 16: 10: "For thou wilt not leave my soul in sheol..."	Acts 2: 27: "... neither wilt thou allow thine Holy One to see corruption."

From the approximately one-hundred references of the Old Testament prophetic Scriptures which then were fulfilled we have only included twenty into our list. These are sufficient to put before us what great value was placed at the beginning of the New Testament to found everything on the unshakeable prophetic Scripture. They showed from the Word Itself the fulfilment. It cannot be different today, if one has a ministry from God. Everything happens as was foretold. God is still His own interpreter.

A few additional comparisons will show unto us how precise the Lord and His servants divided the Word. In the prophetic Scriptures we also find passages and verses which partly were fulfilled at the first coming of Christ and partly are being fulfilled at His return - the second coming of Christ. The proper dividing and placing of the Scriptures is of uncomparable great importance - now as was then.

Isa. 61: 1-2: *"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God..."*

The last part of the second verse concerning the day of wrath He did not read. For then He could not have said, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled before your ears." The second part of this verse will come to pass approximately two thousand years later, when the day of salvation ends and the terrible Day of the Lord commences. How precise is God in His Word; the Lord and His servants in the preaching and placing of the same!

Joel 2: 28-32:
*"And it shall come to pass afterwards, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh ... whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be **delivered; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said..."***

The apostle Peter also stopped in the middle of the verse. He only took the part of the prophetic Scriptures pertaining to the space of time allotted to the New Testament church. Just imagine how fatal it would have been if he would have continued reading on and proclaiming to the crowd, "... *for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said...*"! In that case all from the world over, wherever Acts 2 was being preached, would have started their pilgrimage to Jerusalem to be saved. The second part of this Scripture will be fulfilled after the return of Christ with Israel on Mount Zion in Jerusalem. How precise is God in His Word! He watches over His Word to fulfil it at the right time. With these examples we clearly see what the actual leading of the Holy Spirit in the ministry of God's servants means and how the right dividing and placing of God's Word is being done in reality.

Lk. 4: 18-21: *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; ...**To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.** And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears."*

Acts 2: 16-21:
"But this is that which was spoken through the prophet, Joel:...before that great and notable day of the Lord come; And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Mal. 4: 5-6:
"... I will send you Elijah, the prophet, before the coming of the great and terrible 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 ..."

Lk. 1: 17:
*"And he shall go before him in the spirit and Power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of **the fathers to the children...**"*

Also the angel Gabriel stopped in the middle of a verse. He was only concerned with the part applying to the ministry of John the Baptist. His commission was to **turn** the hearts of the Old Testament fathers to the faith of the children of the New covenant in Jesus Christ. The second part was not mentioned then, because its fulfilment is now, as the children of God are turned back to the faith of the apostolic fathers. How precise did the Lord, His heavenly and earthly messengers treat the written Word! They understood the Scriptures pertaining to the plan of salvation and placed them accordingly.

The second part of the promise actually pertaining to Elijah who should come before the great and terrible day of the Lord was not fulfilled in the ministry of John the Baptist. Although he was also called Elijah. The promise of course that Elijah would come is not being touched by that fact, it remained open to be fulfilled in our time, as the Lord Himself confirmed in Mt. 17: 11. This He did after the ministry of John the Baptist was already accomplished. The following fact is also noteworthy. The disciples asked the Master the "Elijah-Question". And after that we read, *"And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elijah truly shall first come, and **restore all things.**"* This answer from the lips of the Master is still binding today with all the disciples of Jesus Christ. Whosoever will ask the scribes of our time, will receive different answers. To us the answer of our Lord is sufficient, and we do not ask anybody else about it. It would be an insult to the Lord on our part, if we are not satisfied with His answer and do not believe the same. Also in this case with the "Elijah Question", we see how precise the angel Gabriel and our Lord Himself gave true testimony. The Holy Spirit divides and places the Scriptures at all times one-hundred percent correctly.

In Acts 1 the apostle Peter even before the outpouring of the Holy Spirit based whatever took place on the prophetic utterances and showed their fulfilment (Ps. 41: 10, Ps. 69: 26; Ps. 109: 8). In this way he proved to be the mouthpiece of God at the very hour the New Testament church was born. Everything was placed on the prophetic Word.

In Acts 2 the apostle did the same after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. He told the audience, *"... For these are not drunk, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken through the prophet, Joel..."*

In Acts 13 it was the apostle Paul who turned to the Gentiles with the message of salvation and founded his action upon the prophetic word, "*For so hath the LORD commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the nations, that thou shouldst be for salvation unto the ends of the earth (Isa. 49: 6).*" In Acts 15 the elders and the apostles came together in Jerusalem, and also Paul and Barnabas were present. The developments in the Kingdom of God were looked at from the biblical point of view. After some brethren had spoken, James gave his exposition, "*Symeon hath declared how God first did visit the nations, to take out of them a people for his name. **And to this agree the words of the prophets, as it is written:** After this I will return and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down...*"

Especially in the Epistles to the Romans and the Hebrews we find in all expositions reference was made to the prophetic word. The complete harmony of Old and New Testament, the prophecies and their fulfilment, the precise placing of the different events and developments as was foretold is convincingly and overwhelmingly proven. Whether it was the Lord or His heavenly messengers, the Spirit of God or His earthly messengers: all is perfect in order and expounded. Also now, as the last part of the plan of salvation is in the fulfilling process, we have the same divine understanding and receive an overall picture in the God-given clarity. In the light of all the prophetic utterances of Scripture, we understand what it means, "*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*" Wherever the Lord can have His way with His people, there everything is in the order of His holy Word - is true and precise. Holy men of God have spoken as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. In the same way holy men of God have correctly placed everything within the Scriptures. Today still applies what Paul wrote to the Corinthian church, "*For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.*" (1 Cor. 14: 33).

It is noteworthy to pay attention to the formulation "in all the churches of the saints", namely there where the Holy God Himself by His holy Word and by His Holy Spirit can guide His own, even now presently, into all the truth. He has placed the different ministries and given the proper order for the same. In verses 29-32 of this chapter, we are told, "*Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the others judge.*" These are not major prophets, they only come one at the time and that for special purposes. God-called brethren were to speak, who had a prophetic ministry, that also the others would receive the divine teachings. "*And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.*" There were prophets in the Old Testament, and there were men of God in the New Testament - and still are who have received the same Word by the same inspiration of the same Holy Spirit, and therefore, have the same revelation. Such men who deal with the prophetic aspect of the Scripture are also called prophets, for they have the ministry of the Word of prophecy to divide and place all things under divine inspiration and leadership. Wherever the Lord Himself can

work through a chosen vessel, God's order according to the apostolic pattern will be seen.

In the last chapter of the Bible we read, "*And he said unto me, These words are faithful and true; and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to show unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.*" We are dealing with the Word of prophecy and with the prophets whom God has used, and also with those men who presently have the God-given ability to place everything in divine order. The same assurance the prophets and apostles had, we do have today. This is not presumptuous, it is true. In Rev. 19 we read about the marriage of the Lamb and of those who are called and chosen to be there, "*... that have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God; for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy-*"

The Word of prophecy, the Spirit of prophecy and the testimony of Jesus Christ is the same today. The Lord and His servants, the apostles and prophets, have never taken as their authority any signs and wonders, but rather took the final - the absolute, the written Word of God, and build thereupon. Such is the ministry of a true servant of God at all times. Never in the history of mankind the plan of God was revealed so complete and detailed and so clearly put into divine order as in our days. Of a truth, God has given light at the evening time of this Day of Grace. The same light which came forth by the fulfilment of Scripture at the beginning of the time of grace, the same light is with us today.

Missions

Up till now we have officially published in the German language about 200 sermons of Brother Branham, 150 in print and 50 on cassettes. In the church I translated almost every sermon, and they are in circulation with the believers. We also have some brochures with the different biblical subjects and themes. This month my book "The Traditional Christianity - Truth or Deceit?", approx. 200 pages, has come of the press in the German and the French language. The Italian and the English will be available God willing in Jan. and Feb. 1993. The Czech edition is already printed and the Polish manuscript is almost ready for the press. We take it as from the Lord that our mission work has been recognised and received the official status of a publishing house. Therefore, our books from now on are carrying the international ISBN Number, they will be placed into the list available to all public book shops and libraries.

God has appointed various brethren in different countries for His service. Brother Alexis Barilier for the Franco-phone countries, Brother Etienne Genton for the Italian work. Also a number of other brethren being occupied with translation work into the various Eastern European languages. Whoever did translation work knows how time-consuming it is, and also how much work there needs to be done in the printing and despatching. We are grateful for these faithful servants of God and we are in good co-operation with them. May the Lord bless their work and give

them many souls as the fruit of their ministry. It is wonderful to see how people are taken out of darkness, are saved and placed into the Kingdom of God.

We also remember the many other brethren, for instance Markku Vuori in Finland and all those we have not mentioned by name, who are faithfully doing their job to the honour of God. As already mentioned, the translation work in different languages and the printing has reached a very high performance. In this way, God's people are receiving the fresh spiritual food at the right time. From the Krefeld Mission Centre we are sending out the German and the English literature into all the world and also to the Eastern European countries in the different Slavic languages.

Whoever would have thought that here on the soil of about 10,000 square meter ground a place of worship, the mission buildings and now a separate printing building, "a publishing house" in central Europe, would be erected? Our print shop is fully equipped, has two offset presses and an assembling machine with 28 stations and also with a stitching and folding device. We have also a most efficient cassette duplicating machine. In years past we bought approximately 8,000 - 10,000 cassettes per year to serve the need in the European languages except in English. Now it is three times as much. In the years gone by we used up to a million sheets of paper, in this year we have already used more than three times of that quantity. We can only thank God Who has moved upon the hearts of His people to make this great world-wide ministry such a blessing. Up till now every bill could be paid in time and many was never once mentioned since the beginning of God's work in May 1966., We trust, that the great tasks which are before us will also be accomplished by the Grace of Almighty God. He cares for His people and for His work. His Name be praised now and for ever. Amen.

With deep gratitude we acknowledge the fact that God has placed us into the position to make the revealed Word available in many different languages. Time and again I am reminded on the Scripture found in Isa 53: 1 and also in Rom. 10: 16: "*Who hath believed our report? And to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?*" In the German and other Bible translations it reads like this: "Who has believed our *message?*" We must make sure that our message is the message of God to His people. The second part, "And to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed" can be answered from experience. Whosoever believes what God said, to him the arm of the Lord will be revealed. The message of Bro. Paul was the message of the Lord. In the same way, the message of Bro. Branham was and is God's message. If a message of a man is not the pure divine proclamation, then it is the message of a man, and in such a case we just can forget it. If it cannot be said, what our Lord as Son of man stated, "*Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me*" (Jn. 7: 16), then something is wrong with that message and individual. Our message can only be the message of the resurrected Lord, our Gospel can only be the Gospel of Jesus Christ, our teaching must be the teaching of Jesus Christ.

All things must be brought back to its place and state of origin. Jesus Christ, our Lord, said, "*He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me.*" (Jn. 12:44-45). If someone only sees a man sent from God, but does not visualise God behind him, such a person does not see at all yet. Whoever listens to a prophet and does not hear God, has not yet comprehended whatever God is doing. Whoever speaks of the doctrines of a prophet and has not verified these doctrines in the Holy Scriptures as the doctrines of God, such a person needs to be taught first. A message is only right if it originates in God Himself, and consequently, takes us back to Him. So it is with every doctrine. In Rom. 10: 17 the apostle Paul expresses a very important thought, "*So, then, faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*"

The true valid faith before God can only come by the preaching of God's original Word. That is the actual message we are concerned about. Whoever believes God's message for today, to him the arm of the Lord will be revealed. The same will be taken out from all confusion and be placed into the Kingdom of God.

International Conference

Through the past years ministering brethren from all over the world were asking whether there would be a special conference held in Krefeld, Germany.

God willing and we are living and are still around on earth, we plan to have an international convention here in Krefeld from

Friday, 1st October, 1993, till Sunday, 3rd October, 1993

The 3rd of October is the great national memorial day of the re-unification of Germany. William Branham with true prophetic foresight said on 19th

March, 1962, only eight month after the Berlin wall was built in August 1961, "**if they give the Eastern part of Berlin back, that puts communism ... that puts the Roman empire just exactly into the circle it was in the time of Jesus Christ. Certainly, it does. Perfect.**"

God is making history, and we have the privilege to live in this generation, to see the final things come to pass.

During the years 1966-1989 I did put my life many times at risk taking the literature into the countries behind the iron curtain. Now I can see with my own eyes how the former party cultural palaces are used for meetings in all those countries.

The borders are open and as a German citizen I don't even need a passport to go to the neighbouring countries. There is more liberty now

than we ever had over here. For instance, interviews on TV are possible and newspaper assistance in connection with meetings.

According to the words of our Lord, the Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached to all nations. Therefore, God had to open the doors, so His Own word could be fulfilled. Blessed be His Name.

The dividing line between the East and the West happened to be drawn right through our country. Now the East and West have come together as Brother Branham stated. The old Roman empire takes shape - the beast rising out of the sea -the multitudes of peoples and tongues. Surely, the time is at hand.

Best wishes for 1993

From all my heart I wish all of you God's richest blessings for the year 1993. Our Lord promised to be with us right to the end of the world.

With great confidence we move into the year 1993 knowing that God is on the throne and His will shall be done on earth as it is done in heaven. Whatever He promised will surely come to pass.

May He Who is faithful and true develop His own nature within His people and make us also faithful and true. May all the promised blessings come upon His people.

Finally, I wish to thank you all for keeping me up in your daily prayers. As is known all over the world, I am fighting on the front-line. And all the attacks of the enemy are focused at me as the main target because of the divine call and commission. By God's grace we shall see all the defeated powers of the enemy become the footstool of our Lord Jesus Christ Who conquered Satan, death and hell, rose on the third day, ascended to Glory and will soon return to take His beloved bride to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

May God also bless all the ministers the world over. And may it come to pass that we do reach the unity of the faith in Christ Jesus, our Saviour, to the honour and glory of God.

By His commission

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For the first time in our ranks such a book is published. The 10,000 copies of our first edition were quickly in the homes of believers. The second edition will also have its course.

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