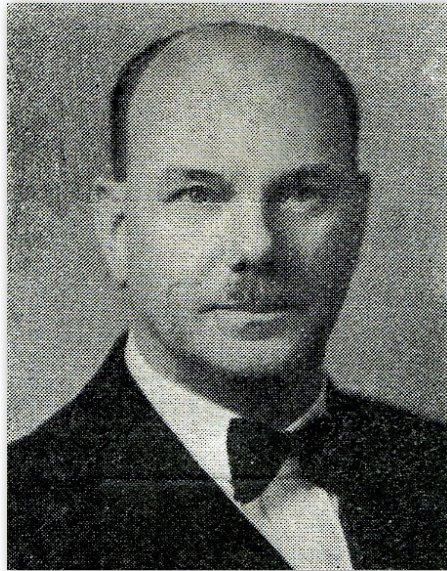


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Messages and Sermons



by W. H. Offiler

Bethel Fellowship International (BFI) has procured numerous copies of stenographic notes by **Marguerite Hood**, who lived in downtown Seattle at 606 Fischer Studios. Sister Hood sat under Pastor Offiler's teachings and personally took the following detailed notes of his messages and sermons, most likely verbatim, in shorthand. She then typed them onto paper making what are now almost unheard of "carbon copies" on onion skin paper. What you see and read here are scanned copies of those original "onion skin carbon copies."

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I shall read from the 14th chapter of the book of Revelation beginning at verse 6.

When we are reading from a chapter such as this we are dealing with a time when in the earth the preaching of the gospel has forever ceased. It ceases at the opening of the establishment of the great tribulation period, the last $3\frac{1}{2}$ years of our present age and the casting down of Satan and that creature who will assume entire sway during the tribulation period.

The two witnesses do not preach the gospel. They merely come to testify to Israel of Christ. God has loved Israel and for the Fathers' sake God is going to grant them a special dispensation during the tribulation period and give them the testimony of the two witnesses, that is the ~~the~~ remnant. Before the tribulation period comes there will be a great revival among the Jews. The Jews are only a small part of Israel; only two tribes. The Jews and Israel and the whole world will be granted a wonderful opportunity. God will allow men to meet such conditions that will appall the very strongest heart. He will hold a conversation with every man. During that tribulation period a mighty angel will preach the gospel from the middle of heaven. (Remember this, that in the book of Revelation the word angel is significant of a messenger of God.) At that time, because of the Anti-Christ rule, it will be utterly impossible for a sermon to be preached or a word spoken of God, on the face of the whole earth.

Look at Russia. They are trying to get along without God and are raising more hell than all the world together. There is more starvation and cannibalism in Russia than in all the other nations put together. They have sworn themselves to a five-years program that puts God out altogether. It takes a man to try a stunt like that. If he would read one clause in his bible he would read that the man who is a fool hath said in his heart "there is no God." That is what they are trying to do in Russia and are not making much success at it. The things going on in Russia would appall the world if they knew what was really going on there today. The idea, to think that they can get along without God! When you find yourself without God, the Apostle Paul tells you that they are the most hopeless people on the face of the earth. Without God! The tendency of the times is such that men are trying to educate the thought of God and the truth of God out of the heart and spirit of our rising generation, and we now have a generation ready to take hold of affairs out of whom the thought of God has been cast. Any man who knows anything about the bible and understands conditions of the world knows that every operation of the spirit of evil is going out in order to prepare a way for the coming of the Anti-Christ and that spirit is abroad in the land, and, My Brethren, we are christians, that is our profession and possession, but what are we doing to win a soul and pluck a brand from the fire? So many christians are afraid to take the sword, which is the word of God. Christ shows you plainly that the only thing that will conquer Satan in the human heart is the word of the Living God. Hallelujah!

Here we have a time during the tribulation period. In the 12th chapter the church has gone into the wilderness, there to be fed and nourished and cared for by Jehovah God until the time of tribulation is passed. Already, in the tribulation those unwise virgins who miss the going out into the marriage of the lamb, who miss the taking out of the church into the wilderness, the remnant of unready ones, those whose lamps had gone out, they go into the tribulation period but there is one thing to be said for them; they had the commandments of God and faith in Jesus Christ, but they missed the marvelous operations of the Spirit on the church in this end of the age because their

lamps had gone out but as they come before the Anti-Christ they die one by one, hundreds by hundreds, thousands by thousands. This world will see God's believing dead on every street. Satan is determined to blot the name of Jesus Christ out of the running and one by one the nations are leading him and helping to this end. It is strange that our educationalists can't see that. If they were willing to take God's word and line it up with world conditions there is not a man but what would see the connection and realize God's bible is true, but the devil has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart and stopped their ears, that they can neither hear, see, nor know. The prince of this world did it and the world is so stupid that they don't know when he is pulling this thing on them. It is the same thing that fell on Nebuchadnezzar. It is a spirit of insanity as concerning the Spirit of God and the conceit of themselves.

When Satan has been cast from the heavenlies and the Anti-Christ has taken up his rule, here we have the mercy and love of God preached from the middle of heaven by a heavenly messenger. Why would God take the trouble to preach to people like this? Because God knows the horror of the soul that is going to be lost and here we find him speaking the truth of God, by the heavenly messenger, that if they will turn from the rule of the beast that even now they can pay the price in full and reach the Glory of God in his heaven and that for the confession of their faith. This is the one grand manifestation of the mercy of God before that mercy is altogether withdrawn. Before that last call goes out God is sending out the call of his Holy Spirit today. Now is the day of salvation; now is the accepted time. When God says "now" it is a dangerous thing for you and me to say tomorrow or some other time. Before three or four days are passed I may be preaching at some of your funeral services. I have done it scores of times in this place. All preachers have experiences like that. God is always talking to the people of the earth and calling them with all the power of the Spirit. One of the powerful things of the last days is that when a thing strikes the world it covers the whole world. All the world is feeling the depression now. They are doing their best to dig out of it but when you see the amount of money that has been spent to do this it is one of the most discouraging things in the history of the world.

This message goes out to every kindred, tribe, tongue, and nation and they hear the word of God for the last time.

Verse 8 (Reading of the verse). Spiritual adultery is setting something before the people in the place of the word of God and the sacrifice of Calvary. Every form of religion that hasn't Jesus Christ and the atonement of His blood, in his death, resurrection, translation, and ascension and kingship at the right hand of God is a fake and humbug. There is only one true God and one true gospel. Dogmatic, isn't it. Well, you have to be dogmatic. Narrow? Yes, it is narrow. Just as narrow as God wants it to be and as broad as God. I have always had more real satisfaction out of my bible than anything else in the world, and more joy in my hope in Christ and faith in his resurrection than all the pleasures of the world.

Verses 9 and 10 Here is an awful vision. They say, listen to that preacher talking about fire and brimstone! An angel preached this. Fire and brimstone. Sometimes I have tried to describe the end of this from a scientific standpoint, but here it is. The demon spirits in that insane man, when Christ came to him, began to call to Him and say, "We know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God." Here is the testimony of devils. And they said, "Art thou come to destroy us?" God is warning a particular class of people here. This is just after the proclamation of the Anti-Christ has gone forth for every human being to take the number, name, or mark of the beast.

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You say, how will they get the tribes of the heathen? They now have airplanes that can lower themselves down within a space of fifty feet. They can rise practically vertical. All tribes and nations will come under the sway of the anti-Christ. You will find the mechanical end of things is going to be used by the Spirit of the Anti-Christ. They are almost all used to destroy the lives of one another. During the tribulation period all these mechanical forces will be used. In a few hours all will know of the proclamation of the Anti-Christ. There are diabolical languages and powers and with the Radio and airplanes the whole world could be easily covered in a few moments. The other day I heard words right from Paris and that is 6000 miles from where we are tonight. The other night the boys listened to Japan and Java and we hope you will hear from Borneo Bethel Temple soon. We may be able to hear from our Borneo missionaries very shortly if the Dutch Government will give us a permit.

Verses 11 and 12. Remember, this is in the tribulation. "I want God in some way to give me a place in the church that is taken out at the beginning of the tribulation. I just want a place in the membership of the body of Christ. You will suffer more to get in the membership of that body than they will who have their heads cut off in the tribulation. The guillotine is going to be used for the reason that since the world war they are not going to be satisfied with hanging and the electric chair. They have to see blood.

Verse 20 A river of blood 160 miles long. The blood of those who failed to shelter themselves under the blood of Christ. There will be one sign in the the heavenlies that will inaugurate this era and reign of blood. One of these days the moon in our sky is going to be turned into blood. Not an atmospheric phenomena. The histories tell us that two hundred millions of people have died martyrs to their faith in Christ. There are five gallons of blood in the human body. Here you will see the rivers of blood. Add to that Christ said, "Of this generation God will require every drop of righteous blood from Abel to Zechariah." That of course included the blood of Christ. The Jews, not understanding the blood theme of the bible, said "Let his blood be on us and our children." They didn't know what they were asking and praying for. When I read Jewish magazines and how they are crying about the persecution which they say the christian has brought upon them it disgusts me. More Christians died for their faith, ten to one, than the Jews have died in the rejection of Christ. The Jews turned from Christianity because they demanded that the responsibility for the shedding of the blood of Christ rest on them and their children. They pleaded for it. They said, "Give us his blood and we don't care what happens to us." Today the Jew represents the very essence of the Anti-Christ spirit. It is an awful thing. When you remember the mercy of God and that God is going to give them a chance, that He still loves them and is going to send a revival among them and baptise them they will die for Jesus as did the martyrs.

If you ever get into the courts of God you are going in on the merits of Jesus Christ. The sign seal of heaven is the blood of Christ and is going to be a signal that the world will see. That wonderful angel sat on the cloud with the sickle and the other angel said, "Thrust in the sickle and reap for the harvest of the earth is ripe." And the blood flowed until it was up to the bits of the horses mouths. My brethren, it was you and me that belonged on Calvary's tree. Christ trod the wine press of the Almighty God alone. Here is a harvest that is coming. When God reaps the harvest of this world blood will run in the faucet. There will be a thick stream of blood; reservoirs of blood; a rain of blood. The sin on Christ pressed the

blood through his skin and now the world is going to find itself in the wine press, and God have mercy! We are living in the evening time, spiritually speaking. It is getting darker and darker and now is the time we should be shining brighter and brighter.

Were you ever lost? It is a terrible thing to be lost and a wonderful thing to find your way. May God help you and I to shine like a light shines for one who is lost. The judgement day is coming whether we like it or not. It is a wonderful thing to get everything out of your heart and get Christ in your life. HALLELUJAH!

Prayer.

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