

QUESTIONS #18

QUESTION:

Can you explain why Bro. Branham is a vindicated prophet and why the message is correct? I have a difficult time speaking to why I believe what I believe.

I SAMUEL 3:1

1 ¶ And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no ***OPEN *VISION.**

OPEN: HEBREW LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 6555

parats {paw-rats'}

to break through, burst out, to break open

VISION: HEBREW LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 2377

chazown {khaw-zone'}

vision (in ecstatic state), oracle, prophecy (divine communication)

PROVERBS 29:18

18 ¶ Where there is no ***VISION**, the people ***PERISH:** but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

VISION: HEBREW LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 2377

chazown {khaw-zone'}

vision (in ecstatic state), oracle, prophecy (divine communication)

PERISH: HEBREW LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 6544

para' {paw-rah'}

let loose, avoid, neglect, be loosened of restraint

NUMBERS 24:2

2 And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel abiding in his tents according to their tribes; and the spirit of God came upon him.

NUMBERS 24:3

3 And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose **eyes are open** hath said:

NUMBERS 24:4

4 He hath said, which heard the words of God, which **saw the vision** of the Almighty, **falling into a trance, but having his eyes open**:

NUMBERS 24:5

5 How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O Israel!

NUMBERS 24:6

6 As the valleys are they spread forth, as gardens by the river's side, as the trees of lign aloes which the LORD hath planted, and as cedar trees beside the waters.

NUMBERS 24:7

7 He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters, and his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted.

NUMBERS 24:8

8 God brought him forth out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn: he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce them through with his arrows.

NUMBERS 24:9

9 He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion: who shall stir him up? Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee.

NUMBERS 24:10

10 ¶ And Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he smote his hands together: and Balak said unto Balaam, I called thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast altogether blessed them these three times.

NUMBERS 24:15

15 ¶ And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said:

NUMBERS 24:16

16 He hath said, which heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the most High, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open:

BALAAM MENTIONED THREE NAMES OF GOD:

God (°El, "the powerful One"),

The Most High (±Elyôn, "the uplifted One")

and the Almighty (šadday, "the abundant One" or "the Almighty One");

NUMBERS 24:17

17 I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.

Literally, There hath come forth a Star out of Jacob, The verb is in the prophetic past

or historic tense of prophecy, denoting the certainty of the event predicted.

NUMBERS 24:18

18 And Edom shall be a possession, Seir also shall be a possession for his enemies; and Israel shall do valiantly.

NUMBERS 24:19

19 Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion, and shall destroy him that remaineth of the city.

JOSHUA 13:22

22 **Balaam also the son of Beor, the soothsayer,** did the children of Israel slay with the sword among them that were slain by them.

JOSHUA 24:9

9 Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and warred against Israel, and sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you:

JOSHUA 24:10

10 But I would not hearken unto Balaam; **therefore he blessed you still: so I delivered you out of his hand.**

NEHEMIAH 13:2

2 Because they met not the children of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them, that he should curse them: **howbeit our God turned the curse into a blessing.**

JUDE 1:11

11 Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after **the error of Balaam for reward,** and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

REVELATION 2:14

14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold **the doctrine of Balaam**, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

NUMBERS 25:1

1 ¶ And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab.

NUMBERS 25:2

2 And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods.

NUMBERS 25:3

3 And Israel joined himself unto Baalpeor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.

NUMBERS 31:16

16 Behold, these caused the children of Israel, **THROUGH THE COUNSEL OF BALAAM**, to commit trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD.

SO DID BRO. BRANHAM TEACH HIS FOLLOWERS TO COMMIT ADULTERY?

OR TO LIE? OR CHEAT? OR BE DISHONEST

OR KILL PEOPLE? OR LIVE ANY KIND OF LIFE

OR TO DRINK? OR TO STEAL? OR DO I?

ACTS 10:10

10 And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, **he fell into a trance,**

ACTS 22:17

17 And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a ***TRANCE;**

TRANCE: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 1611

ekstasis {ek'-stas-is}

amazement, astonishment, a throwing of the mind out of its normal state, Being transported as it were out of himself, so that in this **RAPT CONDITION,** although he is awake, his mind is drawn off from all surrounding objects and wholly fixed on things divine.

ACTS 22:18

18 And saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me.

I KINGS 16:7

7 And also by the hand of the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani **CAME THE WORD OF THE LORD** against Baasha, and against his house, even for all the evil that he did in the sight of the LORD, in provoking him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam; and because he killed him.

JEREMIAH 28:12

12 **Then the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah the prophet,** after that Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

JEREMIAH 28:13

13 Go and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Thou hast broken the yokes of wood; but thou shalt make for them yokes of iron.

JEREMIAH 46:1

1 ¶ The word of the LORD which came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Gentiles;

JEREMIAH 46:2

2 Against Egypt, against the army of Pharaohnecho king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah.

JEREMIAH 47:1

1 ¶ The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Philistines, before that Pharaoh smote Gaza.

DANIEL 9:2

2 In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

DANIEL 9:3

3 And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:

HAGGAI 1:1

1 ¶ In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, saying,

HAGGAI 1:2

2 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD'S house should be built.

HAGGAI 1:3

3 Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying,

HAGGAI 1:4

4 Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house lie waste?

ZECHARIAH 1:1

1 ¶ In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, **CAME THE WORD OF THE LORD UNTO ZECHARIAH**, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,

ZECHARIAH 1:2

2 The LORD hath been sore displeased with your fathers.

ZECHARIAH 1:3

3 Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye unto me, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the LORD of hosts.

JEREMIAH 14:14

14 Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.

JEREMIAH 14:15

15 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed.

LAMENTATIONS 2:14

14 Thy prophets have seen vain and foolish things for thee: and they have not discovered thine iniquity, to turn away thy captivity; but have seen for thee false burdens and causes of banishment.

MATTHEW 7:15

15 ¶ Beware of false prophets, **which come to you in sheep's clothing**, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

LUKE 6:26

26 Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

ACTS 20:29

29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

ACTS 20:30

30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

REVELATION 2:14

14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

MATTHEW 7:16

16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

MATTHEW 24:11

11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

MATTHEW 24:24

24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

II PETER 2:1

1 ¶ But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

II PETER 2:2

2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

II PETER 2:3

3 ¶ And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

I JOHN 4:1

1 ¶ Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

I JOHN 4:2

2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

I JOHN 4:3

3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is 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 already is it in the world.

MALACHI 4:5

5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

MALACHI 4:6

6 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.

LUKE 1:15

15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.

LUKE 1:16

16 And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.

LUKE 1:17

17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn **the hearts of the fathers to the children**, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

MALACHI 4:6

6 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.

MATTHEW 17:9

9 And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.

MATTHEW 17:10

10 And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?

MATTHEW 17:11

11 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly **SHALL** first come, and ***RESTORE** all things.

RESTORE: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 600

apokathistemi {ap-ok-ath-is'-tay-mee}

restore again, to restore to its former state, to be in its former state

MATTHEW 17:12

12 But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.

MATTHEW 17:13

13 Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.

MATTHEW 11:9

9 But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.

MATTHEW 11:10

10 For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

MALACHI 3:1

1 ¶ Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

MATTHEW 11:11

11 Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

MATTHEW 11:12

12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

MATTHEW 11:13

13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

MATTHEW 11:14

14 And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come.

JOHN 1:19

19 ¶ And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?

JOHN 1:20

20 And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.

JOHN 1:21

21 And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? **And he saith, I AM NOT.** Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.

JOHN 1:22

22 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?

JOHN 1:23

23 He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.

ISAIAH 40:3

3 ¶ The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

JOHN 1:24

24 And they which were sent were of the Pharisees.

JOHN 1:25

25 And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?

JOHN 1:26

26 John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;

JOHN 1:27

27 He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.