

## QUESTIONS 2025 #20

### 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.**

### [STOP]

### MATTHEW 23:34

34 ¶ Wherefore, behold, **I send unto you prophets**, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city:

### **MATTHEW 26:56**

56 But all this was done, **that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.** Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.

### **LUKE 1:69**

69 And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;

### **LUKE 1:70**

70 **As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:**

### **ACTS 3:18**

18 But those things, which God before had **shewed by the mouth of all his prophets,** that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.

### **ACTS 3:19**

19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

### **ACTS 3:20**

20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

### **ACTS 3:21**

21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, **which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.**

### **ROMANS 3:21**

21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, **being witnessed by the law and the prophets;**

### **I CORINTHIANS 12:28**

28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

### **EPHESIANS 2:19**

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

### **EPHESIANS 2:20**

20 And are built upon the foundation of the **apostles and prophets**, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

### **EPHESIANS 3:5**

5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, **as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;**

## **II PETER 3:2**

2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before **by the holy prophets**, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

## **REVELATION 10:7**

7 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.**

## **WORD CAME TO THE PROPHETS**

## **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.

## **FALSE PROPHETS**

### **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.

**ONE CHARACTERISTIC OF FALSE PROPHETS IS THAT THEY WIDEN THE NARROW WAY.**

**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.

**WAY TO KNOW A FALSE PROPHET**

**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.

**SATAN IMPERSONATES GOD SO  
THERE ARE FALSE PROPHETS BUT NO  
REAL ONE?**

### **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.

## **COMING OF ELIAS**

### **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.

### **ANGEL SPEAKING OF JOHN**

### **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.

**BUT THERE WAS TWO PARTS TO MAL.**  
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### **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

## **SO IF IT WAS JOHN WHAT DID HE RESTORE?**

### **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.

## **CH 11:9**

### **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.

## QUESTION:

### IS IT WRONG TO PLAY LOTTERY SCRATCH OFF TICKETS?

THE.SEAL.OF.GOD\_ JEFF.IN V-26 N-4  
FRIDAY\_ 54-0514

101.....Go down in the churches and play these old bunco games, that's nothing in the world but common, low-down lottery. That's right. And you do it, and then holler about a bookie. You're just as bad in your churches.....

THE.WATERS.OF.SEPARATION\_  
MACON.GA MONDAY\_ 55-0606

E-25.....**HE'S SPEAKING ABOUT THE  
WORD**

Now remember, It was to be kept. Now listen close. It was to be kept in a clean place (You get it?), not in dirty, foul

place: **playing cards, having bunco games, playing a little lottery in the basement,** having social parties, and dancing.....

THE.REACTION.TO.AN.ACTION\_  
CHAUTAUQUA.OH MONDAY\_ 59-0810

E-15.....Card playing used to be wrong for the Christian. And now, millions of so-called Christians have entertainment in their churches **playing cards, giving away little cars and so forth, bunco. It's all nothing but plain lottery.** And it's wrong. And it's degrading to any nation, let alone a church of the living God.

A.GUIDE\_ JEFF.IN V-12 N-7 SUNDAY\_  
62-1014E

29.....They'll get their money by bunco games, **playing lottery,** gambling, anything that they can do.....

THE.WORLD.IS.FALLING.APART\_ NY.NY  
V-18 N-10 FRIDAY\_ 63-1115

125.....Oh, my! Gambling, lottery, bunco, dances, oh, when it gets to a time that people have to do stuff like that, to entertain the church!

126 The Church, born-again, the Holy Ghost entertains the Church, with Eternal Life. See?

### **QUESTION:**

### **IS IT WRONG TO WEAR ANKLETS?**

### **ISAIAH 3:16**

16 ¶ Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet:

**An anklet, also called ankle chain, ankle bracelet or ankle string, is an ornament worn around the ankle. Ancient Egyptian women were the first to wear anklets according to history.**

**Barefoot anklets and toe rings and also have been worn by girls and women in [Indus Valley](#), in [South Asia](#).**

**In the [United States](#) both casual and more formal anklets became FASHIONABLE from the 1930s to the late-20th century.**

**Anklets are an important piece of jewellery in Indian [marriages](#), worn along with [saris](#).**

**Anklets were worn as an everyday ornament by Egyptian women of all**

**social classes in ancient Egypt from as early as predynastic times.**

**Anklets were also worn by dancers like those shown in the tombs of Kagemni, Ti, and Akh-hotp.**

**Anklets are still commonly worn by dancers in public events.**

**Neolithic and chalcolithic periods at Mehrgarh indicate use of anklets. Jhon Marshall describes dancing girl statue as being adorned with armlets, bangles, and anklets.**

**Sri Lanka**

**The dancers wear anklets. Anklets are worn on both ankles.**

**In America in the 1970s, the women who were into the so-called "sexual**

**revolution,” were seen wearing anklets, too.**

**Anklets can be considered sexy by some and can be worn for a variety of reasons, including as a fashion statement, decorative accessory, or to signal interest in a relationship:**

**Although many women these days may think of the anklet as just a mere trinket, it is actually a widely recognized symbol that a woman is married or committed yet available to other men for sexual activity with the husband’s consent and encouragement. When a married woman wears an anklet, it is a symbol that she is a “Hotwife” and open to relationships and sexual encounters with men other than her husband**

## **MAKING A TINKLING WITH THEIR FEET.**

**Small silver bells were fastened on the ankles, and so the beauties of Jerusalem carried, as it were, their music with them. The custom still exists in Syria and Arabia, though forbidden by the Koran. English nursery rhymes seem to recall a time when it was not unknown in Western Europe.**

**The influence of women upon men was intended to be helpful, purifying, and refining.**

**Woman is naturally more pure than man, more modest, more retiring,**

**more instinctively right in her moral judgments.**

**Good women exercise an extraordinary influence over the best men.**

**They read men far better than men read one another. But as the power for good which they wield is great, so is their power for evil.**

**Bad women are far worse than the worst men; and the ruin of a state is always partly, sometimes mainly, caused by its women. The sins of women chiefly noted by Isaiah in this passage are:**

**ISAIAH 3:17**

17 Therefore the Lord will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will discover their secret parts.

### **ISAIAH 3:18**

18 In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet, and their cauls, and their round tires like the moon,

### **ISAIAH 3:19**

19 The chains, and the bracelets, and the mufflers,

### **ISAIAH 3:20**

20 The bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the tablets, and the earrings,

### **ISAIAH 3:21**

21 The rings, and nose jewels,

### **ISAIAH 3:22**

22 The changeable suits of apparel,  
and the mantles, and the wimples, and  
the crisping pins,

### **ISAIAH 3:23**

23 The glasses, and the fine linen,  
and the hoods, and the vails.

### **ISAIAH 3:24**

24 And it shall come to pass, that  
instead of sweet smell there shall be  
stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and  
instead of well set hair baldness; and  
instead of a stomacher a girding of  
sackcloth; and burning instead of beauty.

**The allure of ankle bracelets dates  
back to ancient civilizations. In  
ancient Egypt, for instance, anklets  
were more than mere decorative  
items; they were imbued with  
protective qualities, believed to**

**shield the wearer from negative energies and evil spirits.**

**In our modern world, ankle bracelets continue to be adorned for their aesthetic appeal, but many of us also wear them as symbols of our personal beliefs and as expressions of our spiritual journeys. Whether it's to feel protected, to honor a significant relationship, or to invite positivity into our lives, choosing an ankle bracelet can be a meaningful act of self-expression. As we select our anklets, we can reflect on their rich history and the shared human experiences they represent.**