

A photograph of a garden path. On the left, a large, gnarled tree trunk is prominent. The path is dirt and leads into a garden with various plants, including tall green stalks and pink flowers. The sky is blue with some clouds.

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Today I would like to take a thought and title it, *Correct Timing Makes the Scripture Perfect*. The scripture is always right, but in days gone by, we have not always been exactly right on placing the right timing to particular scriptures. However, in this moment of the twinkling of an eye, it is very important to have a revelation on the timing of the scriptures. This is very important in order for the truth of the scripture to speak loudly and clearly; because in this moment, everything is moving so quickly, and therefore the scripture has to be absolutely, perfectly in time with the events that are taking place in order for it to come to pass and work according as it is written. So we praise God today, and we thank Him for letting us know this truth about the scripture. Now let us pray.

Heavenly Father, it is so good and precious to come to you once again. We praise you and we thank you for the moving of your Spirit, and for the way you are moving, and for the timing of the scripture. Lord, you put it within us to know, and when the timeclock within us comes to the right place for the scripture to be fulfilled, it comes to pass. Nothing can stop it, and we cannot speed it up and make it happen before it's time; it has to happen according to your timing, which is the correct timing of the scripture. And the scripture is always perfect when the timing of it is discerned correctly. So I pray for the moving of your Spirit today and for the anointing upon your Word and upon the hearers of this message that they may receive according to your will, and we will be so careful to give you the praise, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

This message, *Correct Timing Makes the Scripture Perfect*, is a furtherance of the message, *The Wife of the Lamb's Time Has Full Come*, that I preached in a home meeting in Glen Daniel, West Virginia, where we first began to look at 'the timing of scripture.

So that is what we are going to be talking about today. And before going any further, I want to make mention of a dream I had some time back. In the dream, I had come up to a mountain, and I began to look around at some rocks that were lying on the ground. And I noticed a hole that went into the side of the mountain that was just big enough to crawl through. So I crawled into it, and it opened up into a large opening, and there stood a man in there. It was Brother Raymond Jackson Jr. Evidently, he had crawled in there before I did. So there we were, both looking around in the cave. And while we were looking, we found some gold on the ground that seemed to have fallen from the ceiling. We both reached down and we each picked up a large nugget; and as we continued to look around in the cave, I noticed that Brother Jackson stopped and looked at the gold in his hand, but it had turned into a golden pocket watch. Then I glanced at the gold in my hand, and it too had turned into a golden pocket watch. That represents time. Then we both crawled back out of the cave. And there was some people that had gathered around, and we told them about it, and they wanted to get some gold too. And one said, "We need to get some explosives and blow the hole bigger so that we can have better access to the cave and get the gold out much quicker." And when they blew it up, the cave fell in, and they could not get the gold; thus showing we have to do it according to the scripture, and it has to be the correct timing to make the scripture perfect.

So as we look at the scripture and also at the message we had last week, *The Agony in the Garden and What It Wrought for Us*, we see that Jesus spoke about scripture having a certain time to be fulfilled and how it could not happen until the time got exactly right. And we see where also the Apostle Paul spoke about a certain time for a certain scripture to be fulfilled; for he said in the Book of 1 Corinthians 15:51-52, "We shall be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye." He gave the timing, "It has

to be in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye." He did not say this year, this month, or this week, and not even this hour, but he brought it down to a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. That is the way it was with Jesus when He went to the Garden of Gethsemane. The timing had to be right to go to the garden; for certain things had to take place before it was time for Him to go there. First, He had to make that major announcement in the temple, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." And then He had to be betrayed by Judas Iscariot (one of His twelve disciples) for thirty pieces of silver. For Judas had gone unto the chief priests, and said unto them, "What will you give me, and I will deliver Him unto you?" And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. And from that time, he sought opportunity to betray Jesus. So the time had to be just right to set in motion certain events. So that is what we are going to be talking about today because we are looking at some great things, and we see the time has come into being where it cannot help but be just like it is written.

So for a starting place in the scriptures, let us begin reading in the Book of John, Chapter 7, Verses 6 and 7. Here in Verse 6 Jesus is talking to His brethren concerning the Feast of Tabernacles that was at hand, and they wanted Him to go up to the temple where they were having the feast and make Himself known to the people. But the timing was not right for Jesus to go up. Now watch what He says to them in Verse 6. It says, "*Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is alway ready.*" And then in Verse 8, He told them to go on up to the feast; for He said, "*Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast; for my time is not yet full come.*" Notice, this was showing there was a full time that had to come.

Notice, at the beginning of John, Chapter 7, we see that Jesus walked about in Galilee, but He could not walk in Jewry (Judea)

because the Jews (Jewish leaders) sought to kill Him. They wanted to kill Him because He was saying that God was His Father, and not many of the Jews believed that. So here, His time had not come yet to go up to the feast. But He told His brethren, "You go on up. Your time is always ready." See His brethren did not believe as they should, so their time was anytime; it did not matter. But when his brethren were gone up, then went He also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret. Many of the Jews were wondering if Jesus would come, so they were looking for Him. And here He came, right to where they were and was found teaching there in the temple. But no man dared touch Him at this time. Then on the last day of that great feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." (But this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because Jesus was not yet glorified.) This was showing that in the Old Testament they did not have the Holy Ghost as is in the New Testament, because the Holy Ghost has a soul attached to it, and Jesus Christ produced that soul. He poured out His soul unto death, just as the Prophet Isaiah had prophesied in the Book of Isaiah, Chapter 53. But for Him to make this announcement, it had to be at a certain time. It could not be a day or two early. They would have taken Him prisoner or put Him to death if it had not been the right time. But He knew the timing of the scripture had to be just right in order to make the scripture perfect. That is why He told His brethren to go on up to the feast, saying, "My time is not yet full come."

Now let us go to the Book of Luke, Chapter 22. I want to read a couple of verses to continue to highlight the fact that correct timing makes the scripture perfect. Here, Jesus along with His disciples had gone to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. And there, Judas (with the chief priests and the captains of the temple

along with the elders) came to take Him. Notice, when He had been daily in the temple with His disciples, no man sought to take Him, but once He was in the garden, then here these religious men came. Verses 52-53 says, *"Then Jesus said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and the elders, which were come to him, Be ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and staves? When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: (Watch what He says; watch the timing now; the timing makes the scripture perfect because this had to be.) but this is your hour, and the power of darkness."* In other words, what was taking place could not happen until that specific time. Notice, Jesus had to go to the garden at a specific time. And also it had to be the hour for the power of darkness to come forth, just as we are seeing now in the world. And everything that happened did not just happen haphazardly, but it was all in the scripture. Jesus knew the scripture, so He knew that all these things concerning Himself had to be fulfilled, because Verse 37 of this same chapter says (Jesus speaking), *"For I say unto you that this that is written must be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned (counted) among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end."* So it all had to be fulfilled as it was written.

So what happened in the garden had to be at a certain time. It could not be early. It could not be late. As we saw earlier, when these religious men came to take Jesus when He was there in the garden, it was the right timing; for at other times, He would just walk away from them because they could not touch Him, as His hour had not yet come. But when it came time, Judas betrayed Him and sold Him out for thirty pieces of silver. But while in the garden, Jesus accomplished some wonderful things; for there is where He overcame death. **No, He did not die there, but He overcame death there. For had He chosen, He could have called more than twelve legions of angels to destroy those evil men and save Himself; but instead, He died that we could overcome death without having to die. He was**

delivering us from death, those that would be part of the Wife of the Lamb, so that we would not have to die.

See, there is a people that are not going to die. Paul picked up the same thought that Jesus hinted at in the Book of Matthew, Chapter 24, Verses 40-41, and preached it in another form, saying there was going to be some that would not die, but they would be changed in a moment in the twinkling of an eye. Jesus Christ suffered mental agony in the garden and overcame death, which was for our glorification so that we would not have to go through the agony of death. But it was there on the cross where He died and paid for our sins, and not only ours but for the sins of all those whose names were on the Book of Life from the foundation of the world. But for a group called *the Wife of the Lamb*, He overcame death in the garden for us so that we would not have to go through that mental torment in order to overcome death. So we do not have to die and go to the grave. Again, He did not die in the garden, but He went through all that agony and met that creature called *Death* and overcame him. See, that is the thing—He overcame. And we do not have to go through the struggle that He did and pray until our sweat becomes as great drops of blood. We do not have to go through that agony in order to overcome death because He has already done that for us. And, of course, the next day He died on the cross to pay for our sins, which made the redemption plan complete. So the scripture shows us how Jesus' garden experience took place, and it is so important that we understand the timing of the scripture and how its timing applies to us. Amen.

In Paul's day, God allowed the virgin whom he had espoused to the glorified Jesus Christ to fall away, and she had to go through seven church ages in order to be restored back again to be married to God's only begotten Son. And when the time came for the marriage to take place, then God sent Christ Jesus disguised (hid) in the Mighty Angel in Revelation, Chapter 10, with a little book in His hand, and the angel said, "Time is no

more,” meaning time is over for the church ages. And then He gave us the little book and told us to eat it up. So we took the little book, and we ate it up. So we cannot say we are in the seventh church age spiritually, because we are out of the church ages, glory to God, and our timing had to be precise on this. The timing had to be accurate when we proclaimed that Revelation, Chapter 10, was completed and fulfilled. And we tell all about it in our book, *The Chronicles of the Tenth Chapter of the Book of Revelation and the Eating of a Bitter Meal*, which shows how it all came into being to bring us into the place where we are at in this moment of time.

So at present, God is actually changing our bodies into glorification, and we are seeing that the scripture ‘We shall be changed in a moment in the twinkling of an eye’ is now, for we have come into that moment of time and the twinkling is taking place. So we are not going to see death. So when time and scripture met, nothing could hinder the fulfillment. There is a faith in us unlike anything that we have hitherto experienced. And although this faith has been tried, we have not waived.

Paul prophesied that there would be a message here—the last trump of God. And he said when the trumpet sounds, the dead in Christ shall rise first. Paul called it the resurrection, but we call it the spiritual man taking on glorified flesh and bones. These souls (the spiritual bodies of the saints) did not rise from the earth, but they came down from heaven, for Christ Jesus brought them with Him when He came to this earth in the fullness of His Spirit. And by hearing this trumpet message, they are taking on glorified flesh and bones. So instead of just being spiritual beings, they are glorified saints. And everything that was in that spiritual body is in that glorified body.

When we look at what Paul brought to light, it was something that none of the other apostles spoke about, for he said in 1 Thessalonians, Chapter 4, “We which are alive and remain, when all of this begins to transpire, we shall not die, but we shall

be glorified.” And that is what is happening now. This Word is glorifying us, as we are the created Wife of the Lamb. Yes, Paul created in his day a new group, and they were the virgin that was espoused to the glorified Jesus Christ to become His Wife. But like what happened to Eve when the serpent came and she yielded to him, the virgin that Paul had espoused did likewise and fell away from the simplicity of Christ Jesus and went into the dark ages. And all of that was known by God before the foundation of the world. And for this virgin, the trumpet ceased to sound. But Paul told us that the trump of God would come in the last days. He said at the time of this sounding, all of this would take place and that we which are alive and have remained will not see death. And now we understand correct timing makes the scripture perfect.

So we see the correct timing that made the scripture perfect in the spiritual coming of the Lord that took place in 1 Thessalonians 4:16, for He descended from heaven with shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God. And we bear witness of the shout that took place through the prophet messenger, Brother William Branham, who was the seventh church age messenger. We appreciate what he did, because he did such a great thing. He fulfilled that scripture of Luke 17:30 that says, “Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed,” referring to the scriptures that showed the world would be in a Sodom condition when this would take place. So the Son of man *has been* revealed; and anyone can hear on the audio tapes and the books how he would tell people where they were from, what their name was, and even the color of their house, saying, “You are not from here. You are from *this place*.” That patterned exactly with how Jesus did. The words that Jesus spoke to them, “As it was in the days of Noah and in the days of Lot, so shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed again,” meant that when the world got in a condition like it was in Noah’s day and in Lot’s day, the Son of man would be

revealed again. And just as the Jewish world saw this in Jesus Christ's ministry, the Gentile world saw this through Brother Branham. So this is exactly what happened as Brother Branham came and called a people out of denominations to stand with the Lord; and correct timing made that scripture perfect. Now we know without doubt that 'shout' was perfectly fulfilled.

Then here came the voice of the archangel, and we know that part of the scripture was perfectly fulfilled; for Brother Raymond Jackson, Jr., came with a message (and Michael the archangel always deals in the Israeli realm). It is noteworthy to mention that whatever sermon, whatever title Brother Jackson preached on, he wound up telling about Israel. It seemed to come automatically, and he could not get away from it. Well, it had to be that way. And that is why we know about the revelation of the 144,000 Jewish preachers that God will anoint to go all over the world in the last part of the 70th Week of Daniel preaching the everlasting gospel. And that is why we know about the second part of the fifth seal and the seven trumpets that will sound to Israel. It was all revealed to us by Brother Jackson.

I will tell you, brothers and sisters, it just makes us feel good to know that we have seen the scripture of 1 Thessalonians 4:16 take place in this last day. And now this message that we are preaching is the last part of 1 Thessalonians 4:16, it is the last trump of God seen there, which is also seen in 1 Corinthians 15:51-57. This is the marriage and rapturing message, which is now in process, which brought the feminine attributes into plain view in us, the Wife of God's only begotten Son, and the correct timing of the scripture has made the scripture perfect.

So the scripture is always right, but the correct timing of the scripture is what brings it into being. *Correct Timing Makes the Scripture Perfect*—and the scripture is made perfect that says, "The trump of God shall sound and we which are alive and remain shall be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye" bringing glorification to the Wife of the Lamb. (1 Corinthians

15:51-52) And the correct timing of the scripture has brought those souls back to the earth that went by the grave. Christ Jesus brought them back to this earth with Him so that they could hear this last trump of God message, which is producing them in glorified flesh and bones. For they are hearing this trumpet sound, and we are together; and very soon we will begin to see them more in a visible form because we are together. Therefore, lift up your head; hold those shoulders back! Smile a while and give your face a rest. Raise your hands to the one you love the best! The Spirit of God is so real, and God is making His Word live by the sounding of this trumpet. The timing is right, and nothing can stop it. Nothing can stop scripture from being fulfilled—absolutely nothing!

Now before we close out this message today, I want to comment on Israel as spoken by the prophets of old and how all nations will turn against them as shown in the Book of Zechariah, Chapter 12. There are many different nations calling Israel a rogue nation and saying they have committed war crimes against humanity, even saying they are killers of children; whatever evil comes to their minds, that is what they say. There is a spirit that has gotten upon the Gentile nations. Can they help it? No. It is just like those that crucified Jesus who were operating by that same spirit. Could they help it? No, because their hour had come, and the power of darkness.

The things we see now taking place are absolutely fulfilling scripture. And we have made the scripture perfect by these things that are being fulfilled in us. When we say that we are the Wife of the Lamb and our glorification is taking place within us and that we are being completely changed, our faith is bringing this to pass because the perfect timing of this message is making the scripture live.

I am rejoicing in the Lord; for this is so good! Think about our title—*Correct Timing Makes the Scripture Perfect*. We see the perfect scripture among us. The scripture ‘we shall be changed’

has become perfect among us. It has become perfect among us that there in the garden, Jesus paid for our bodies being glorified without dying. And then He went to the cross for the sins of *all* God's people. But His Wife is part of Him. She was part of Him from the beginning, for we were chosen in Him from the foundation of the world as the Wife of the Lamb—so we are *Christ* the Wife of the Lamb. We are the Queen of the earth and Jesus Christ is the King of the earth in that great millennium.

Heavenly Father, we thank you, we praise you, and we love you. And there is not enough words to glorify you. And, Lord, I thank you because you made scripture perfect for us. We do not quote a scripture that has already been fulfilled and try to make it live, nor do we quote a scripture that is yet to be fulfilled and try to make it live. Lord, you make it live when the time comes. And now 'in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye' has come into being. O' God, anoint the hearers; may they receive that which you have ordained, and may they see that our timing has made the scripture perfect. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ's wonderful name, we pray. Amen.

Testimony of Barbarajeane Howard: I want to tell a dream that I had early this morning. After I woke up from the dream, I was thinking on it, and I decided not to say anything about it. I felt to wait and see if anything was going to be said in the preaching of the Word before I told the dream. In the dream, I was considered a criminal, and I was with a bunch of other prisoners. And some men were taking us all out to a big field where they would lay the people down on the ground; and everyone was next to one another laid out. And they would kill them by taking a big rock and hitting them in the head with it. And wherever they were laying, that is where they dug the grave. Anyway, there I was, and I was being condemned as a criminal. And they laid me down on the ground, and I thought to myself, "This is really going to hurt when they do this to me." But when the man came down with the rock and hit me on the head with it, it did not hurt me. I sat up and looked out, and then I stood up, for I

did not die. And as I looked around while I was standing there, everything around me was magnified, and it seemed that I could just see so much better, for it was all so magnified to me. And I praise the Lord for the dream because it was showing that I did not have to die, but I had overcome death. And by everything being magnified, it was magnifying the revelation of overcoming death. I praise the Lord for this dream; I believe He gave it to me.

Ben gives testimony: I want to say this about Barbarajean's dream. Jesus was judged among the transgressors there in the garden. It says He was numbered among the transgressors because He went contrary to their thinking. He was not a transgressor (a criminal), but He was judged that way. So I noticed the similarities of how Jesus was accused of being a transgressor and Barbarajean being accused of the same, and both overcame death. Hold your head up high! I tell you, this Word will cause you to hold your head up high. Jesus was the very Son of God, the only begotten Son of God, and yet there were times when He got a little bit weary. When you get weary, just hold your head up high and give the world a smile. I like a song that says, "I came on business for the King. He told me to smile, and He told me to sing." So let us rejoice in the Lord, and let us enjoy this great salvation and just give the world a smile, for you are the Queen to King Jesus, you are the Wife of the Lamb, already married by a proxy marriage. The scripture came into being when we ate the little book and the marriage took place, hallelujah, and the correct timing made that scripture perfect. It is perfect now. Oh, what Jesus did for us that day in the garden! It is a revelation given to the Wife. He went through that agonizing ordeal to overcome death for us. No, they did not crucify Him there, they did not beat Him there, but He was in agony, and His sweat became as great drops of blood that we could be raptured, never to experience death. What was the message last week? *The Agony in the Garden and What It Wrought*

for Us. Can you see it now? Oh, how beautiful it is. It is magnified! So all this Word has come together for the Wife of the Lamb in this moment of the twinkling of an eye. Thank you, Jesus.

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