

I will return unto thee, according to the time of life

When Elohim appeared to Abraham as a Man and communed with him, He referred to "returning" at the "TIME OF LIFE" to fulfill the promise of Abraham and Sarah receiving the Promised son. Some in the Message believe this promised "return" is a type of a "return ministry" in our time. They believe this "return ministry" is to come, and they believe it signifies the completion of Brother Branham's commission.

GENESIS 18:14

14 Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.

Let's examine a condensed "timeline" of events as Brother Branham described them concerning the appearing of Elohim.

- 1) Elohim appeared in the form of a man
- 2) Revealed the thoughts and intent of Sarah's heart
- 3) Was the last Sign given to Abraham, before their bodies were changed
- 4) Was the last Sign given before the arrival of the Promised son
- 5) Was the last Sign given before Sodom was burned
- 6) The change of their bodies began before Elohim left them, when He breathed upon them.
- 7) Before daylight the next morning Sodom was burned
- 8) Immediately after Sodom was burned, Abraham and Sarah left on a trip to Gerar, indicating their bodies were completely changed to young again.
- 9) Within 28 days Sarah was fertile

It is my humble opinion Elohim did not literally return a second time to change their bodies from old to young. Their change was started before He left them, when He breathed upon them. Life, His Life, the Holy Spirit, quickened their natural bodies. They began to change right then. How long their "change" actually took, can be interpreted as short as a few hours, or even as long as a few days. What happened to Abraham and Sarah in the natural, is the same that happens to the believer in the spiritual, when they are quickened from death to Life, when the Word is made Alive to them. {See JOHN 20:22}

The literal Change of Abraham's and Sarah's bodies is a beautiful type of what will happen to those living at the translation, when these mortal bodies put on immortality.

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The Bible said that they were well-stricken in age. Now, notice. Immediately after this angel appeared... we've been talking about, which was Elohim, God... And He said, told Abraham, "I'm going to visit you, according to the time of life."

Now, watch. All down through they were a type of the church--all the way through. Now, look. Here's what happened. Now, He just didn't patch Sarah up and patch Abraham up. He turned them back to a young man and woman. Now, that may seem strange, but now watch the rest of the Word and put it together. The Word is inspired. You have to be inspired with the Word. Now, remember, Immediately after that... immediately after the appearing of this angel...

I can just see that gray hair of Sarah--little grandma with a shawl over her shoulder, and a little dust cap, holding a stick going around. "Me, having pleasure with my lord, and him old too?" See? And here was Abraham, his long beard, holding on a stick, as he was well-stricken in age. AND I SEE THE NEXT MORNING his shoulders begin to straighten up, the hump come out of his back. Her hair begin to turn. They went back to a young man and woman, just showing what He's going to do to the royal seed of Abraham (See?), when we're changed in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, and be caught up together.

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...what He did to Sarah and Abraham, **how He turned them back and made a young man and young woman out of them again.** Do you believe that tonight? Sure, He did. God don't just patch up anything. He does a real job about of it. Yes, sir. Sarah could not have had the baby like that, so instead of just making he womb fertile, and--and strengthen the milk veins, and so forth, like that, giving her heart a little stimulation, so she could have the child, **HE JUST BREATHED UPON HER**, and all the wrinkles left; the gray hair turned black again, and her youth renewed, and her eyes brightened up, and she was the prettiest woman in all the country. Amen. THAT'S WHAT HE DID.

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He was Almighty God.

The woman, little did she know. Look what it done for Abraham then. It changed him and Sarah from an old man and old woman of a hundred years old, back to a young man and woman, that brought forth Isaac. **They met God. That's what done the difference.**

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The Church is the mystical Body of Christ, borned of the breath of God. Did you get it? **THE CHURCH OF GOD IS BORN OF THE BREATH OF GOD.**

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Watch! The Father that sent Him went in Him. And Jesus, when He sends a disciple, He goes in him. Same one sent...?...

And **WHEN HE HAD SAID THIS, HE BREATHED ON THEM, AND SAID... RECEIVE YE THE HOLY GHOST:...** (Church borned of the breath of God.)

When this statue is molded itself up there in condition, God's breath breathes upon them, they receive the Holy Ghost. Then you are a son of God. You can join anything you want to, but you're borned into the--**the Church of the Living God, born by the breath of God.** God breathed upon them and said, "Receive ye [Brother Branham makes a breathing sound--Ed.] the Holy Ghost."

It is important to recognize 3 critical aspects of the appearing of Elohim.

- 1) This appearing was the last sign before their bodies were changed,
- 2) as it was the last sign before Sodom was burned,
- 3) as it was the last sign before the Promised son arrived.

ANOTHER appearing (before any of these 3 events) would have been ANOTHER sign, invalidating the ONE appearing as the LAST sign given Abraham.

(It is imperative that we apply these three aspects to this modern day "appearing and revealing of the son of man" as well)

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Immediately after those Angels left, and Sodom was burned, Abraham and Sarah took a long journey plumb down to Gerar. That's quite a journey for an old couple. Measure it on your map.

SIR.WE.WOULD.SEE.JESUS NY.NY V-18 N-7 63-1112

And, remember, **the elected never seen any other sign after that. Not one time did God appear to Abraham after that. Nothing else in the world, but Sarah was turned immediately to a young woman, and Abraham to a young man;** and they went down, and Abimelech fell in love with her and wanted to marry her, and her a hundred years old. And they brought forth this child. Why? They were looking for a promised son.

And that's what we're looking for today, a promised Son. And before that promised Son arrives, the elected Church is to see God manifested in the flesh, telling the secrets of the heart, and knowing the things I done. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever."

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Remember, **Abraham, or no one else seen any other sign, until the promised son came on the scene. Abraham seen all kinds of signs and things up to that. But that was the last sign.** He'll never break it, the continuity of God. The seed of Abraham, that's their last sign. See? That's the last... God... He knew right then that was Elohim. And Jesus come right back and said it would be that way, and here we are right here today on it, the same thing. People, this is Truth.

CHRIST.REVEALED.IN.HIS.OWN.WORD JEFF.IN V-4 N-10 65-0822M

Now, the Son of man was actually revealed potentially just for a few moments there, just before Sodom was burned. Now, that Man was Elohim. That was God, and Jesus is God. And God was revealed potentially right there for a few moments to talk to Abraham in the investigation judgment, just for a little bit. The Son of man was revealed, the Son of man, Elohim. Do you see it, church? The Son of man, Elohim, was revealed just for a few minutes, for **the very next morning it was burned. When? Before the sun could come up again.**

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...God changed Abraham from an old wrinkled man, him and Sarah, back to a young couple, changed their physical being before they could receive the promised son. The last sign they got was the manifestation of God in flesh, could read the heart of a woman behind Him in the tent. And **the next thing was that their bodies were changed.**

LEAN.NOT.ON.UNDERSTANDING PHOENIX.AZ V-19 N-3 65-0120

The Son of man would reveal Himself again just before that time, before the fire. And **that was the last sign that Abraham saw before the promised son arrived; and he turned back to a young man, and she to a young woman.** Before... Now, notice, the Scripture specifically says that, now we must look for that.

At conception, Sarah was certainly visited again by the Lord, as Life comes from only Him. But Elohim did not return AGAIN in the form of a man in human flesh to visit her or Abraham. Notice ONE appearing, ONE last sign, yet the fulfillment of His promise to visit her at the TIME OF LIFE (her ovulation cycle) came by His omnipresence. Life conceived within her according to His promised Word.

BE.NOT.AFRAID CHATAUQUA.OH 60-0609

He said, "Abraham, I ('I,' a personal pronoun), I'm going to visit you according to the time of life. And this child that you've held on to my promise, I'm going to see that it's born."

FEAST.OF.THE.TRUMPETS JEFF.IN V-3 N-16 64-0719M

And Abraham said, "She is in the tent behind You."

And He said, "I (that's a personal pronoun)--I will visit you according to My promise at **the time of life. (The next twenty-eight days something's going to happen to Sarah.)**"

FAITHFUL.ABRAHAM RICHMOND.VA 61-0312

He said, "Why, she's in the tent behind You." Watch the sign.

He said, "Abraham, I..." Oh, my, you see Who it was? "I made you the promise; I'm going to visit you according to My promise. I made the promise. I was the One done it." It was God that made the promise. **"I'M GOING TO VISIT YOU." IN OTHER WORDS, JUST TWENTY-EIGHT MORE DAYS, AND THINGS ARE GOING TO BE DIFFERENT WITH SARAH.** And, "I made the promise to you, so I'm going to visit you according to the time of life. You're going to have this baby."

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...How do you think life could ever come if it didn't come from the Lord...

Brother Branham makes a perfect parallel of the visitation of Elohim to Abraham and Sarah and their promise being fulfilled, as that of the fulfillment of Luke 17:30 in our time. A visitation of Elohim in flesh, and His promise continued to be fulfilled by the Holy Spirit.

...**“While His body's setting at the right hand to make intercession for His Church, that same Spirit dwelling in His people, God manifested in the form of the Holy Ghost in His people, doing the same thing (Do you see it?) to the Gentiles.”**

PROVING.HIS.WORD L.A.CA V-18 N-3 65-0426

He said, **“I'm going to visit you, see, according to My promise that I made you.” In other words, “The time of life, Sarah will start in her ordinary time of life again.”**

And Sarah, being old, a hundred years old now, in the tent, laughed up her sleeve. See, she smiled to herself, said, “How could that Man be right? See, me an old woman, my lord Abraham out there, also old, family affair had been done away with for years.” Said, “How can I ever have pleasure again with my lord? He being old, and me old, past bearing, milk veins gone, every... she is dried up. How could we ever have pleasure again?”

Now, remember, Jesus said, “As it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be at the coming of the Son of man,” that that same Spirit that was represented in human flesh, that Abraham called Elohim... Anybody know what Elohim means? Sure, the Almighty, the self-existing One.

Abraham, the patriarch, called Him Elohim. He represented Himself in a body of flesh, eating and drinking and just like any other human being. And He done that sign to the elected Church before He destroyed Sodom. Oh, don't miss it, brethren. That hour has arrived. **Elohim, Jesus Christ** the same yesterday, today, and forever. **While His body's setting at the right hand to make intercession for His Church, that same Spirit dwelling in His people, God manifested in the form of the Holy Ghost in His people, doing the same thing (Do you see it?) to the Gentiles.**

It is my conclusion to expect a return of Elohim in the Flesh (even in type) is the same as expecting the Sign of Jonah to reappear after the Sign of the Resurrection has already come and gone.

FEAST.OF.THE.TRUMPETS JEFF.IN V-3 N-16 64-0719M

The last sign that Abraham (and we are the Royal Seed of Abraham, the Bride), the last sign that Abraham ever seen before the promised sign come--the promised son come was what? God in the form of a human being, that could discern the thoughts of the people--**ONE MAN, NOT A DOZEN, ONE MAN.** No matter how many impersonations, **THEY HAD ONE**, and He discerned the thoughts that's in there. What? And the next thing happened, Abraham and Sarah turned back to a young man and woman. We know that.

ABRAHAM'S.GRACE.COVENANT MIDDLETOWN.OH 61-0317

What's the next thing after this sign goes away? God's going to condition Abraham's children, getting ready to receive the promised son. How are we going to receive Him? We can't receive Him in these bodies. We're going to meet Him in the air. Praise God forever! The trumpet shall sound. The dead in Christ shall rise and we'll go to meet Him in the air. What's He doing? The last sign before the transfiguration, the last sign before the rapture.