### **TEXT:** SEEING WE ARE COMPASSED ABOUT WITH SO MANY LITTLE IMAGES... HEBREWS 12:1 – 3

1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

2 Looking unto **JESUS** the author and finisher of our **FAITH**; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of **GOD**.

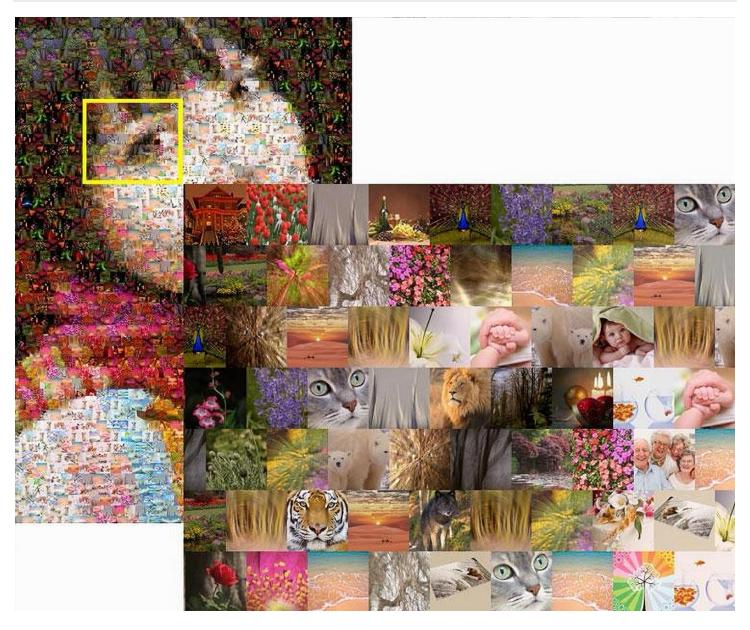
3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

# IT WAS A DREAM OF BROTHER BRANHAM'S

#### JUST HAVE A GREAT BIG CANVAS ACROSS THE BACK HERE AND DRAW OUT THOSE PICTURES

61-0101 REVELATION.CHAPTER.FOUR.2\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC 585-643 SUNDAY\_

You know, I wish we just had now until about March or April, just to put a great big canvas across the back here and just come down in daytime and draw out those pictures and the whole chart, and just raise them up and down like window shades, you know, like I've always dreamed sometime of having a great big tabernacle somewhere where I could reach down and pull this chart down, come all the way across the platform; and revelations and the interpretations the Lord has given me, and take a pointer and start through there and bring these ages down. Then when we get through with that, raise that one up, pull the other one down like this and start on that, and teach it through. Oh, that would just be like a little heaven, wouldn't it?



## THE IMAGES WITHIN THE BIG PICTURE IN HEBREWS 11

THESE ALL DIED IN THE FAITH, NOT HAVING RECEIVED THE PROMISES, BUT HAVING SEEN THEM AFAR OFF GOD HAVING PROVIDED A BETTER THING FOR US, THAT THEY WITHOUT US SHOULD NOT BE MADE PERFECT HEBREWS 11:1 – 40

1 Now **FAITH** is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

2 For by it **THE ELDERS** obtained a good report.

3 Through **FAITH** WE understand that the worlds were framed by the word of **GOD**, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

4 By **FAITH** ABEL offered unto **GOD** a more excellent sacrifice than **CAIN**, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, **GOD** testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

5 By **FAITH ENOCH** was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because **GOD** had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased **GOD**.

6 But without **FAITH** it is impossible to please him: for **HE** that cometh to **GOD** must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

7 By **FAITH** NOAH, being warned of **GOD** of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by **FAITH**.

8 By **FAITH ABRAHAM**, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

9 By **FAITH** he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with **ISAAC** and **JACOB**, the heirs with him of the same promise:

10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is **GOD**.

11 Through <u>FAITH</u> also SARA herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of A CHILD when she was past age, because she judged him <u>FAITHFUL</u> who had promised.

12 Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, **SO MANY** <u>as the stars of the sky in</u> <u>multitude</u>, and <u>as the sand which is by the sea shore</u> INNUMERABLE.

13 **THESE <u>all died in FAITH, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off</u>, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that <b>THEY** were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

14 **For THEY** that say such things declare plainly that **THEY** seek a country.

15 And truly, if THEY had been mindful of that country from whence THEY came out, THEY might have had opportunity to have returned.

16 But now THEY desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore GOD is not ashamed to be called their GOD: for he hath prepared for them a city.

17 By **FAITH ABRAHAM**, when he was tried, offered up **ISAAC**: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

18 Of whom it was said, That in ISAAC shall thy seed be called:

19 Accounting that **GOD** was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

20 By FAITH ISAAC blessed JACOB and ESAU concerning things to come.

21 By **FAITH JACOB**, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of **JOSEPH**; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.

22 By **FAITH JOSEPH**, when he died, made mention of the departing of **THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL**; and gave commandment concerning his bones.

23 By **FAITH MOSES**, when he was born, was hid three months of **HIS PARENTS**, because **THEY** saw he was a proper child; and **THEY** were not afraid of **THE KING'S** commandment.

24 By FAITH MOSES, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER;

25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with **THE PEOPLE OF GOD**, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

26 Esteeming the reproach of **CHRIST** greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

27 By **FAITH** he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of **THE KING**: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

28 Through **FAITH** he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed **THE FIRSTBORN** should touch them.

29 By **FAITH THEY** passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.

30 By FAITH THE WALLS OF JERICHO fell down, after THEY were compassed about seven days.

31 By **FAITH THE HARLOT RAHAB** perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.

32 And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of GEDEON, and of BARAK, and of SAMSON, and of JEPHTHAE; of DAVID also, and SAMUEL, and of THE PROPHETS:

33 WHO through <u>FAITH</u> subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of LIONS,

34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight THE ARMIES OF THE ALIENS.

35 **WOMEN** received THEIR DEAD raised to life again: and OTHERS were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that THEY might obtain a better resurrection:

36 And OTHERS had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

37 **THEY** were stoned, **THEY** were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: **THEY** wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

38 **(Of WHOM the world was not worthy:) THEY** wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

39 And THESE all, having obtained a good report through <u>FAITH</u>, received not the promise:

40 GOD having provided some better thing for US, that THEY without US should not be made perfect.

**MUST PASS THROUGH THE HALL OF CRITICS BEFORE IT IS HUNG IN THE HALL OF FAME** 50-0405 EXPECTATION\_ NEW.YORK.NY WEDNESDAY\_

E-5 And you know, most all <u>FAMOUS PICTURES</u>, before they're hung in a <u>HALL OF FAME</u>, they have to go through the <u>HALL OF CRITICS</u> first, and have to pass the <u>CRITICS</u>. Then when it passes the <u>CRITICS</u>, then it can be hung in a <u>HALL OF FAME</u>.

Now, I think that's our little church. It's passed through every <u>CRITICISM</u>, been called every black and ugly name. But I think GOD's going to hang it in the <u>HALL OF FAME</u> one of these mornings and going to take it up, and I--<mark>I want to be with them when they go</mark>.

50-0711 MINISTRY.EXPLAINED\_ MINNEAPOLIS.MN TUESDAY\_

E-42 But EVERY GREAT PICTURE, before it can be hung in a HALL OF FAME, it has to go through the HALL OF CRITICS. And I believe the little Church has went through the HALL OF CRITICS. And now soon, there'll come a scream from the heavens, and GOD is going to hang It in the HALL OF FAME, to take It out by the rapture, to take It up into glory. And we're seeing signs and wonders, like we are today, TO STIMULATE THE FAITH, to believe that when He comes, that we'll be raptured and caught up together to meet Him in the air WITH THOSE WHO'VE WENT ON BEFORE.

50-0808 HEALING.AND.WHAT.SICKNESS.IS\_ CLEVELAND.OH TUESDAY\_

E-14 Now, notice closely. The little church is kicked off in an alley, called holy-roller, fanatics. But all down through there, GOD WAS PAINTING A PICTURE TO GAZE AT IT. One of these mornings, <u>HE'S GOING TO HANG</u> IT IN THE HALL OF FAME TOO. That's right. And all of those who laughed and made fun, will see her when she goes out...?... <u>Aren't you glad you're numbered with them tonight</u>?

53-0326 ISRAEL.AND.THE.CHURCH.2\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN IC 35-64 THURSDAY\_

179 Now, brother, being she's been made fun of, and persecuted, and pushed back, and everything, one of these glorious mornings (Hallelujah.), **THE GREAT MASTER Who stands in glory, pointing out His servants...** *"Not by power, not by might, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord."* Not by theology, not by grammar, not by these other things, but by simple, holy, unadulterated <u>FAITH</u> in the SON OF GOD and what He said in His Word... **HE'S <u>PAINTING A PICTURE</u>**. **HE'S <u>PAINTING A PICTURE</u>**. WHAT IS IT? A Holy Ghost filled church that He foreordained before the beginning of the world to appear yonder in His glory. And some of these mornings He will sweep down through from the heavens (Hallelujah.), like a great magnet, and He will pick up that little church that's been persecuted, hang her yonder in the <u>HALL OF FAME</u>, when She goes to the sky, shouting:

58-0112E THE.DOOR.TO.THE.HEART\_ CHICAGO.IL SUNDAY\_

E-7 That's the way it is with the Church. GOD is <u>PAINTING A PICTURE</u> of a beautiful, holy Church. And before it can ever be taken from the earth to the <u>HALL OF FAME</u> in the palace of GOD, it first must pass down the line of the <u>CRITICS</u>.

"All that <u>LIVE</u> GODLY in CHRIST JESUS shall suffer persecutions. Blessed are you when men shall say all manner of evil about you, falsely, for My Name sake."

And this **ARTIST <u>PAINTED</u> THE <u>PICTURE</u> of JESUS** knocking at the door. When it went through the <u>CRITICS</u>, one rose and said, "Sir, there's just one thing that I can find wrong with the <u>PICTURE</u>; that is, you do not have any latch on the door."

And **THE ARTIST** said, "Oh, no, I painted it that way." He said "That door is the door to the heart. And the latch is on the inside. You have to open the door."

## IT'S NOT THE CRITIC THAT COUNTS

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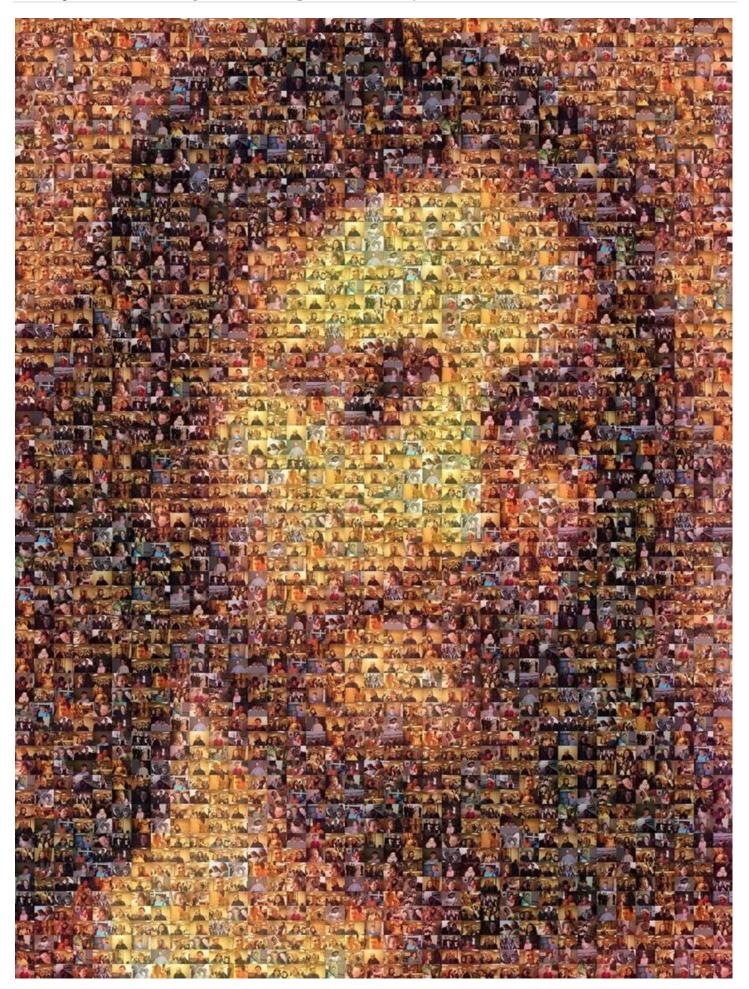
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