# Spirit's Day Studies

The Writings of Jane Lead

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Shake, shake your earthly dust away
Now it's the Spirit's Day,
that will admit of no delay.
The Eight Worlds

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Jane Lead's 60 Propositions 1
Proposition 7, Pt 1

# The Ark of the Testimony Predestination

In order to which, the Ark of the Testimony in Heaven shall be opened before the end of this world, and the Living Testimony which is therein contained shall be unsealed.

Three hundred years ago God's Divine Wisdom introduced a new curriculum, dictated in and through His holy amanuensis, Jane Lead. This *new instruction*, related through dreams, visions, and inspeakings, were recorded, published, and have now spread throughout the whole world. Those who have ears to hear and understand, with all faith, dedication, and obedience, will pursue the Life that her message promotes. For they well-understand that in order to the attain the Prize of High Calling of God in Christ Jesus, nothing higher or deeper, or so uniquely instructive, has ever been written on this subject. Therefore they heed the Lord's instruction: That as to the coming Kingdom Age, they should seek no other path than that which is delivered by and through God's Eternal and Divine Wisdom. All other religions and methods will fall miserably short. For what Jane presents throughout her entire corpus is that which teaches the soul how to enter into those Holy-Scripture-Promises. These faithful ones are the *Impartial Seekers* and *Unwearied Searchers* of Proposition Three. 7

#### **Doctrine of Election**

The true Doctrine of Election is lost to a Christendom that is now under the captivity and confusion of Babylon.8 Since the *Promise of the Father* and the *Birth of Christ* have been stifled so irreverently, and banished from the Church most arrogantly, much of what comes out of mainstream Christianity is therefore "Spirit-less," and remains under the Fall.9 Therefore the faithful must be weaned away from the love of books and learning presented by Christians (sincere and otherwise) who have never reached the deep things of God;10 neither can they prepare the soul for the Kingdom of Christ when it arrives on Earth: first *inwardly*, then *outwardly*.11 *Holy Seekers* and *Loving Inquirers* are cautioned not to feed from any strange breast.12 For as the Church Age is steadily and *progressively* coming to its end, the *products* of that Age are also coming to their end, and have become *confusion*, which will only lead the soul into the Great Apostasy.

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#### Calvinism and Arminianism: The Great Gulf

Predestination has nothing to do with salvation (conversion), yet this misunderstanding has created a great gulf within the Church: Calvinism (Reformed Theology) vs Arminianism (Prevenient Grace). Calvinism declares that only "the Elect" are called to salvation, that the Atonement through Christ's sacrifice does not include anyone other than the Elect; for God has "predestinated" some to salvation and others to damnation.13 Arminianism teaches that it is *man* who decides whether he will or will not be saved, and whether he will or will not go to Hell.14 But with an understanding that Predestination *is not about saving faith*, these arguments are therefore rendered moot.

# Predestinated, Selected, Chosen for a Specific Work

Again, Predestination is not about salvation; it's about *selection* (election): Not a selection for *salvation*—but selection for a *specific assignment*. The Doctrine of the Predestination and the theme of Election is present throughout the entire scope of the Holy Scriptures—each occurrence referring to a specific (elected) person or people, with a specific assignment given (ordained):

- Adam was predestinated to be the first created earthly man.
- Abel was predestinated to be a type of the first sacrificial offering.
- Methuselah, through his death, was predestinated to be the beginning of the Great Flood.
- Noah was predestinated to be the beginning of a new world.
- Abraham was predestinated to be the Father of the Faithful.
- Sarah was predestinated to bear a son out of her dead womb.
- Jacob was predestinated to be the beginning of the Nation of Israel.
- Israel was predestinated to be God's Chosen Nation and People.
- Joseph was predestinated to be a Savior to Israel.
- Moses was predestinated to be a deliverer to the captive Hebrews in Egypt.
- Ruth was predestinated to be a type of the Gentile Church, and ancestor of Jesus Christ.
- All the true prophets of God were predestinated to write the very words of God.
- Mary was predestinated to be the virgin-womb that would conceive the Messiah.
- John the Baptist was predestinated to be the Lord's forerunner.
- Christ's Apostles were predestinated to be the beginning of a New Age.
- Christ's Apostles were predestinated to be the first to receive Jesus as the Holy Ghost.
- The Church was predestinated to spread the Gospel Message throughout the world.
- John the Revelator was predestinated to see and record the Apocalypse.

And these were all predestinated for so much more! For they are all *types* of the Lord Jesus Christ! They each had specific assignments, and were given certain gifts that equipped them to fulfill their assignments. These great men and women of God were *foreknown* by God, chosen and elected be the *human instruments* through which the Lord would accomplish His Great Redemptive Plan on Earth.

And there is yet another name that must be mentioned:

• Jesus Christ was predestinated to be the Savior of the World.15

#### **Predestination in the New Testament**

In the New Testament the words "predestinate" or "predestination" appear in only four places—all mentioned by the Apostle Paul:

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren (Rom. 8:29).

Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified (Rom. 8:30).

Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will (Eph. 1:5).

In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will (Eph. 1:11).

In the above Scriptures, the ones Paul addressed were:

- Predestinated to be conformed to the image of God's Son. (Rom. 8:29)
- Predestinated to be called, justified, and glorified. (Rom. 8:30)
- Predestinated to be adopted by Jesus Christ. (Eph. 1:5)
- Predestinated to obtain an inheritance. (Eph. 1:11)

None of the above passages state that they were predestinated to "salvation," as in conversion or saving faith. However Christians worldwide are taught that ALL believers are the Elect, and that they have ALL been *called, chosen*, and *adopted*. But the Scriptures never state or even imply that. In Romans 8:30, Paul informs us of a <u>process: Moreover whom He did Predestinate, them He also called: and whom He called, them He also justified: and whom He justified, them He also glorified. 16 This passage alone merits a thorough and exhaustive study, with all humility and holiness, in order to reach a proper understanding.17</u>

#### **Predestination in Jane Lead**

Throughout her writings Mrs. Lead speaks of an Election and Predestination that pertains exclusively to a particular and Chosen Group known in the Bible as the *Firstborn Sons of God.*18 The thrust of her message and ministry was to awaken and attract those *Predestinated Ones*, that they might hear and understand their calling, and to teach them how to pursue that calling.19 As the Firstborn, through the *Birth of the Indwelling Christ* in them,20 these *Chosen Ones* will be the first to be *fully redeemed*, by ultimately having the curse of the Fall reversed *in them*,21 which will then qualify them to possess their *Inheritance*. Then—and only then—will these Elect-Nazarites be able to help their *Younger Brethren*, so that they, too, might obtain Inheritance as well:22 for to be a Firstborn of necessity implies that there will be a *Second-born*, and a *Third*, etc., as the Scripture saith, *Each in their own order*.23 These are not "elite" Christians as some say;24 they are Christians who are *Elected*, *Chosen*, and then fitly qualified for a specific assignment.25

#### Some Must Enter In: The Firstborn Sons of God

God knows the end from the beginning, that man's heart is bent towards evil continually, and that without Divine help, man has no hope of salvation, holiness, or righteousness. Therefore, out of compassion for His fallen creatures, God has chosen to *interfere* with man's designs, and has set in motion a course of events that will ultimately bring about the full and total restoration of the entire lapsed creation. 26 And since all are born in sin, and since all come short of the glory of God, and in order to ensure the reversal of the Great Curse that has been applied to man and the Earth, the Lord

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has *predestinated certain persons* to be God's *Firstborn*, who are Elected and Chosen *in Christ*, to bring about this Great and Perfect Restoration.27 Therefore it is no error or presumption to say that the Firstborn will be perfectly holy: for they have set their faces to follow their Head, Jesus Christ;28 and like Him, they have surrendered their own will in order to perform the will of God.29

The Doctrine of Election and Predestination is God's *guarantee* that the work of Jesus Christ will be totally and fully accomplished on this Earth. God will see to it that ALL are saved: and in this Last Age of *time*, that salvation will *begin* with His Firstborn Sons. 30 Therefore He has elected (predestinated) a chosen group (the Firstborn) for this important and glorious work: For these Firstborn are the beginning of the Kingdom, and are patterned and molded after the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Head of the Body (the Church of the Firstborn). Therefore, as the Book of Hebrews states, *Some must* and *will* enter the Kingdom *before* the rest!31

Again, the word "firstborn" demands that there must be a *first*, and that others will be born *after* the first. It's about selecting (electing) some to be born into the Kingdom before the others; for the responsibilities of the Firstborn are great;32 for they are given the task to help their younger brethren,33 that they may enter the Kingdom Promises as well. The Bible states that these Firstborn *must* enter first.34 By concerning ourselves with *who* will enter first, we often overlook the fact that some MUST and WILL enter *first*.

Andrew Jukes offers an excellent description of these Firstborn, who they are, and what they will do:

I believe that they who are sons must be conceived, not of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of the Holy Spirit. I believe that they must be born, not of the mother of harlots, but of a virgin (2Cor. 11:2; Rev. 19:7), whose name is well called Mary, for she hath known bitterness. I believe that they must suffer; nay more, that for God's true sons there are but few steps between their birth and some suffering. I believe that they must bear the cross, and die, and lie in the grave, and be raised, and in due season ascend to heaven. I believe they must return to earth to judge the quick and the dead, for "the saints shall judge the world"; nay, it is written, "they shall judge angels" (1Cor. 6:2, 3). It is the Spirit that beareth witness, and the Spirit is truth. He that believeth hath in himself the witness. And though some things may vary, this is sure for all God's sons: this is our faith: would that it were our experience also.35

### The Ark of the Testimony

Finally, Noah's Ark served three distinct purposes: 1) It saved Noah and his family from judgment of the Great Deluge. 2) It locked out the rebellious, the wicked, and the unbelieving. 3) It contained (housed) God's Chosen Instruments who were to be the beginning of a New World. And as the Ark was God's way of protecting the Elected (Predestinated) Noah and his family, so it will be just prior to the judgments that are coming to this Earth at the end of the present Age. For there is now *another* Ark in the making, that is designed to fully redeem and protect the *New* Noah's from the great judgments that are coming. They are to be the beginning of a New *Age* that is coming to deliver this sick and sin-filled world. They will come forth in the Body and Banner of the Lord Jesus Christ, whose assignment is to *replenish* the Earth with God's Perfect and Utmost Salvation.

The Lord Jesus Christ is that Ark; 36 and as the Captain of our Salvation, He is also the Master of the Helm. 37 Thus the Ark represents the Body of the Faithful, with Jesus as the Head, and its occupants are the Predestinated and Fully Redeemed Firstborn Sons, 38 who are Chosen and Elected, in order to bring about a full and total Redemption unto the ends of the Earth. 39 †††

To be continued...

# NOTES & SCRIPTURES

Scriptures are from the KJV. Unless otherwise noted all references to JL's writings are from the Spirit's Day Version (SDV).

- 1 Full text of <u>The 60 Propositions (SDV).</u>
- **2** For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. (2Pe 1:21)
- **3** See Introduction to *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 1.*
- **4** I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. (Php 3:14)
- **5** Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 1 (1F P:7).
- 6 Signs of the Times (ST P:3; Eight Words (EW 1:17c); Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 1 (1F 1:10); Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 2 (2F E:3).
- **7** Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 1 (1F I:1); First Message to the Philadelphian Society (1M 1).
- 8 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; (1Ti 4:1)
  - And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth. (Rev. 17:5)
- **9** And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. (Mat 24:11)
  - Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. (2Co 3:6)
- **10** But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. (1Co 2:10)
  - Revelation of Revelations (RR N:6; E:5); Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 1 (1F I:1); Enochian Walks with God (EN 1:14).
- **11** *Eight Worlds* (EW 1:9).

**Note:** Although some are at present publically declaring themselves to be the Firstborn, Apostles, and Prophets of the New Kingdom, it is the

- opinion of this Editor that the Kingdom which Mrs. Lead describes in these 60 Propositions and elsewhere in her writings, has not yet arrived in any outward or public form. It is also the opinion of this Editor that as Jesus was declared to be the Son of God with power by the Resurrection from the Dead (Rom. 1:4), none can dare call himself a Firstborn Son of God—UNLESS that soul that has gone through all the Seals, and has attained to such a Resurrection.
- **12** *Eight Worlds* (EW 1:17c); *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 1* (1F 9:18,20).
  - He [John] lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it? (Joh 13:25)
  - Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee? (Joh 21:20)
- 13 Limited Atonement (Wikipedia).
- **14** Prevenient Grace (Wikipedia).
- **15** The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. (Joh 1:29)
  - Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. (Act 4:12)
- **16** Rom 8:30.
- **17** Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it. (Psa 139:6)
  - Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2Ti 2:15)
- 18 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, (Heb 12:23)

He shall cry unto me, Thou art my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation. Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth. (Psa 89:26-27)

**Note:** Predestinate/predestinated appears in only five places in her writings, each time with reference to the Firstborn (1F 9:15, 1F 20:2, 4F P.S. 11/22/1698; HC 3:7; ST 25).

- **19** *Revelation of Revelations* (RR E:1-17).
- 20 Or, The Birth of Life, which is the Incarnation of Christ in the soul (1F 9:15; IN 1:4), and is the true Regeneration in Christ (EN 5:2; HS 1:4; MM 19:23; EP 4:93).
- **21** Revelation of Revelations (RR 27:24); Ascent to Mount of Vision (AS 46a); Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 3 (3F 2:15); 60 Propositions (60P-43).
- 22 Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 1 (1F P:6).
- 23 But every man in his own order: Christ the Firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at His coming. (1Co 15:23)
  - 60 Propositions (60P-31); First Message to the Philadelphian Society (1M 8).
- 24 Note: Some have accused Jane Lead of promulgating a group of "elite" Christians. The word "elite" is not found in any of her writings. She indeed talks about the Firstborn and the Elect—but then, so does the Bible.
- **25** First Message to Philadelphian Society (1M 22, 20c); 60 Propositions (60P-36); Signs of the Times (ST 15a).
- **26** See *The Everlasting Gospel Message*.
- **27** 60 Propositions (60P-59); Third Message to the Philadelphian Society (3M P:14).
- 28 For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed. (Isa 50:7)
  - And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, (Luk 9:51)
- 29 Jesus saith, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. (Joh 4:34)

Not my will, but thine, be done. (Luk 22:42)

I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. (Joh 17:6)

While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. (Joh 17:12)

- **30** "Sons" implies either male or female.
- 31 Seeing therefore it remains that SOME MUST ENTER therein... (Heb. 4:6)
- **32** The Firstborn will be discussed at length in a future study.
- **33** The "After-born." (1F P:6).
- **34** Heb. 4:6.
- 35 <u>Jukes, Andrew.</u> (1853) Four Views of Christ: Characteristic Differences of the Four Gospels, Chapter title: The Common Testimony.
- **36** *Ark of Faith* (AR 2).
- **37** *Ark of Faith* (AR 7).
- **38** *Ark of Faith* (AR 9).
- **39** *Ark of Faith* (AR 1).