Spirit's Day Studies
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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
Proposition 2, Part 3

The Mystery of the Great Comma

or,
Waiting in Jerusalem

This is an hidden mystery, not to be understood without the *Revelation* of the Holy Spirit.

When Jesus stood up in the synagogue to read from the Book of Isaiah,[1] He stopped mid-sentence, closed the book, sat down, and with all eyes upon Him, said, "This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears." History proves that Jesus fulfilled the first part of that sentence when He came as the Lamb of God to take away the sin of the world.[2] History also proves that He did not fulfill the second part: to proclaim the Day of Vengeance.[3] Modern Bibles have inserted a comma in the place where Jesus stopped. We have been living in the age of that *comma* for 2,000 years.

But there is yet another *comma* that the Church has been living under; one that is so highly disregarded, that most Christians are completely oblivious. And as we see the rapid acceleration of the *Great Apostasy*,[4] we can discern that the time of the comma is coming to a close. Without question the Holy Spirit of God is sorely absent from the Christian Church; otherwise we would not see the grossest kinds of sin, rebellion, self-love, uncharitableness, ungodliness, and wickedness in the assemblies—and most especially in the pulpits![5] The *Shekinah Glory*[6] represents the presence of the Lord's Spirit in His people; therefore its absence is what makes the Church truly *Ichabod*.[7]

The Gospel of Jesus Christ has not changed in 2,000 years; only its presentation. John the Baptist said, "Repent!" The Church now says, "Come as you are." Peter said, "Repent and be baptized." The Church says, *Just believe and receive.* Modern Christianity has made the tragic mistake of ignoring a divinely designed gap of time (comma) between the *believing* and the *receiving.* Evangelists, pastors, and teachers, who know nothing of the *Spirit of Christ,* have convinced their followers that it comes to everyone *immediately* upon a profession of faith. These Church leaders have not obeyed the Lord's command to wait for the Spirit—neither do they instruct their charges to wait. And as they will not enter the Kingdom themselves, they prevent others from entering in as well.[8]

In the very beginning of the Church the sinner was given the *Indwelling Holy Spirit* immediately upon faith in Jesus Christ.[9] But that Age of time has been waning for many years and is nearly gone. Through the years the gap has grown wider, so that the distance between believing and receiving is so great, that very few will ever enter into the *Promise* in this life. But the Scriptures tell us that the Lord will give the Holy Spirit to them that *ask* and *seek*—until they *find*![10] For without it, a New Testament believer can only go as far as the most faithful and pious Old Testament saint.[11]

The Great Commas in the Bible

Samaritan's Comma.[12] When Philip went to Samaria to preach Christ, they believed and were baptized *in water*. But they were not baptized with the Holy Spirit—until Peter and John were sent to pray and lay hands on them to receive the Holy Ghost.

Ethiopian Eunuch's Comma.[13] Philip was sent to the Ethiopian Eunuch and preached Jesus. The Eunuch believed and was baptized in *water*. But as with the Samaritans, Philip did not impart the Holy Ghost. It's unknown how long the Eunuch's comma lasted.

Apollos' Comma.[14] Apollos was mighty in the Scriptures and preached the Gospel, knowing only John's baptism. Aquila and Pricilla, detecting he needed something more, *expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.* They may have led Apollos to receive the *Promise of the Father*.

Ephesian's Comma.[15] Paul found certain disciples in Ephesus that were living in their own *comma;* for he asked *Have you received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?* But they had not heard of the Holy Ghost, knowing only the baptism of John. Paul baptized them in the name of Jesus, and laid hands on them to receive the Holy Ghost. Those Ephesian believers, though they were already saved by faith, had not received the *Promise*—until it was imparted to them by Paul.

The Christian's Comma Today

Rarely do we find a Christian who has received this Gift. Hearing no *truth* of it from the pulpits or TV ministries,[16] they receive it in the privacy of their own homes, during a season of fervent prayer. For they have heard the *good news* about this Baptism, and are determined not to let it slip them by. So they wait in their own Jerusalem at home. Some gaps (commas) are very short. Some are much longer.[17] For many more the gap is never filled during this life; therefore that soul will have the Body of Sin destroyed only after they depart this mortal realm.[18]

An Urgent Question

And so the question becomes: *Have I truly received this Spirit?* And if so, *How can I know for certain that I have this Indwelling Christ?* On the *Feast of Firstfruits* Jesus *breathed* His Spirit into the ten Apostles.[19] Later, on the *Day of Pentecost,* the *Promise* came down as a shower upon the 120 waiting in the Upper Room.[20] Jane tells us that in the latter stage of the Church age, the Spirit of Christ will no longer come down as a shower but rather as a *birth* within,[21] and that the surest sign of this birth is the *feeling fiery breath*[22] of an *inward flaming body*.[23] Based upon what happened to the Apostles on the Feast of Firstfruits, the extraordinary events on the Day of Pentecost, and the testimony of the holy mystics and countless saints throughout the ages—and even the testimony of Mrs. Lead herself—we have every reason to believe that this description may be taken literally.

Another way we can know if we have this *Promise* is that the crucifying conduct will only be pleasing to those who have received this *Indwelling Christ*.[24] All others will shy away. The soul that has no faith to believe in the complete destruction of this gross, inward, sin-inducing presence has good

reason to suspect that it has not received the *Promise*; for it is this very Spirit that *convinces* the Christian of the absolute necessity of the destruction. And while it is possible that a soul may in some degree *believe* in the necessity of it, yet without the Indwelling Spirit of the *Resurrected Christ*, that soul is not able to take the measures necessary to fully cooperate with this dying process.

Again, the Spirit of Christ is the One that must convince us of the necessity of dying out of the Body of Sin. The Body of Sin is not the outward mortal husk. It's the internal man, the *Beast*, our *First Husband*, and the *Man of Sin.* It's called a Beast because of its base animal nature. It's our First Husband because we are under constant subjection to him. And it's the Man of Sin that it ever motivates us to transgress against God and man. It's the *Old Adam.* And if Christ is to be the *New Adam* who will lead us back into Paradise—then Old Adam must die!

Jane Lead's Exhortation

Jane Lead hints at this delayed reception of the Gift of the Holy Ghost. In *Heavenly Cloud* she states that her writings, especially of the inward and mystical death, will most appeal to those who have *first* received the Spirit of Christ—which convinces the soul of the necessity for the Body of Sin to die out.[25] In *Revelation of Revelations* she writes that *only* the *Spirit of the Resurrected Christ* can possibly run this inward race, and that therefore one should not even begin—*until Christ our Life and Strength is risen* in us; *for all other legs we run with will soon tire and be weary.*[26] She writes specifically about waiting in Jerusalem and its difficulties in *Revelation of Revelations*, Chapter 1.

Waiting in Jerusalem

Countless Christians are searching for the deeper things of God, desperately desiring for their sins to be conquered. But as they have left their Jerusalem without the *Promise of the Father*, they are only able to advance as far as is *naturally* possible. They may be saved and truly hate their sins; they may be obedient according to their present degree of light. But without the *Promise* they are yet *natural* men and women. They may be sincere. They may love the Lord with all their being—yet they are natural nonetheless. Their only recourse is to return to Jerusalem and wait for the Promise.

Many students of Jane Lead are also among those who have failed to wait in Jerusalem. But they can never fully comprehend these mysteries, nor will their Body of Sin be fully conquered, nor will they be able to advance in the Tree of Faith—*until* they enter into the *New Birth*, available only through the *Gift of the Holy Ghost*. Therefore all sincere lovers of Jesus Christ, and all diligent students of Jane Lead, are encouraged to go back to Jerusalem and wait. Pray fervently, pray passionately, pray with everything that is in you.[27] Ask for this *Holy Spirit of Promise*—and do not depart your Jerusalem until you receive. ✝✝✝

To be continued…

NOTES & SCRIPTURES

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

1 Luk 4:16-21; Isa. 61:1-2.

2 John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. (Joh 1:29)

3 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: (2Th 1:7-8)

4 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)

5 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. (2Ti 3:13)

And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. (Mat 24:11)

6 Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house. (2Ch 7:1)

And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled. (Rev 15:8)

7 "The glory has departed." God removed His Glory from the Temple due to evil actions of the priesthood. (1Sam. Ch. 2, 4, and 14)

And she named the child Ichabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband. (1Sa 4:21)

8 But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in *yourselves*, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. (Mat 23:13)

9 The Day of Pentecost, when 120 waiting in the Upper Room received the Holy Ghost. Also later *that same day*, the 3,000 received.

10 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: (Mat 7:7)

11 For more on this subject, see the study How Far Did They Go?

12 Acts 8:4-17.

13 Acts 8:27-39.

14 Acts 18:24-28.

15 Acts 19:1-7.

16 Evangelicals and Fundamentals tend to ignore this Gift as a specific, unique, and subsequent event. Pentecostals and Charismatics tend to over-emphasize or exaggerate the gift.

17 This Writer's personal *gap* was 14 years long.

18 *Living Funeral Testimony* (LF 26).

19 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace *be* unto you: as *my* Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on *them*, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: (Joh 20:21-22)

Note: The Apostle Thomas was not present.

20 Acts Chapter 2.

21 Revelation of Revelations (RR 1:2).

22 *Revelation of Revelations* (RR E:2).

23 *Revelation of Revelations* (RR E:3).

24 *Heavenly Cloud Now Breaking* (HC P:1)

25 *Heavenly Cloud* (HC P:1).

26 *Revelation of Revelations* (RR E:15).

27 The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. (Jas 5:16)