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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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The Seven Signs Forerunning the Kingdom of Christ, and the Seven Signs Following them that Enter into that Kingdom.

Excerpt from Jane Lead's Signs of the Times, Spirit's Day Version. It is interesting to note that while much of the "church" is looking to outward, economic, political, and catastrophic events, Mrs. Lead tells us that the "signs" are "people."

Seven Signs forerunning this Kingdom

First Sign forerunning the Kingdom

[ST 9a] §.Now as there were *Signs* literally given by Christ of His coming in His kingly power, which had its *first* accomplishment in His coming to deliver His persecuted and oppressed ones, and bringing down severe judgments upon His and their enemies, as in the destruction of the *Jews:* So now it turns into that which is more spiritual and internal. For the Mystery of Iniquity works after various ways and manners, in the commotions of various kingdoms: as *First* the Kingdom of the *Beast,* which consists in sensual pleasures, and worldly advantages, stretching themselves upon their ivory beds, not only neglecting and disregarding, but opposing the Spiritual Kingdom, for fear it should supplant them of their transient and temporary kingdom. And that this supineness in pleasure and voluptuousness, which reigns now so universally at this day, in a more than ordinary manner, is indeed a Sign of the near approach of the overthrowing of the kingdom of this Antichristian Beast, may very well be hoped. Yea, there can be no manner of doubt made hereof, by them who are wise to search into the calendar of former ages, or who have but an open ear to hear and receive what has been delivered by Truth's Infallible Oracle itself.

[ST 9b] For *as the Days of* Noah *were, so shall also this coming of the Son of Man be*: to destroy and overturn the whole Bestial Kingdom. They did eat (and feast), they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, and went on secure and unmoved in their voluptuous courses (notwithstanding the warnings given, and preaching of repentance for above an hundred years), until the very day that he entered into the Ark: And they knew not until the Flood came, and took them all away, destroying them all. Likewise also it was in the Days of *Lot.* They were feasting and making merry, buying and selling, planting and building; till a sudden destruction overtook them out of Heaven. Now even thus it is to be, for certainty in the day when Christ shall be revealed, *for Salvation* to them that wait for this His Appearance; but for confusion and desolation to the unbelievers and disobedient, and all that have the Beast's Mark, and that worship his Golden Image. This is the *first* sort of forerunners.

Second Sign forerunning the Kingdom

[ST 10] §.The *Second* is under the *Dragon's* Regency, who assumes and takes up persons in a particular manner in This Day, and vaunts himself very high with great arrogance, persecuting and spewing out his fury most impudently against the Saints of the Most High: this is also a forerunning sign.

Third Sign forerunning the Kingdom

[ST 11] §.A *Third* sort of persons are very serious and pious, according to their present understanding, but cannot bear any *Spiritual Dispensation,* that might prepare for the *Reign of Christ:* as coming contrary to their expectations and traditions; this sort being repugnant and opposite to all that may, in an extraordinary way, be appropriated to the Spirit of Wisdom, and Revelation breaking out at this day. Now upon the Spiritual Ministration at this time opening, these are more stirred up and awakened, as the righteous Jews and Pharisees, who ignorantly in their day denied the Appearance of God in the Humanity of Christ; so these after the same manner, out of an ignorant zeal would persecute the Spirit of Christ in His Resurrection in Spirit, in the Children of the Kingdom: of which sort there will be found a great spreading, and high swelling before the coming of Christ's Kingdom.

Forth Sign forerunning the Kingdom

[ST 12a] §.A *Fourth* sort expects suddenly the *Personal* Glorious Reign of Christ, before He has accomplished His preparatory Reign in Spirit. These raise a mighty cry in the world: but are too hasty to fetch down Christ, before He has a Church and Bride prepared for Him. Such as stand gazing here must frequently be frustrated of their expectations.

Fifth Sign forerunning the Kingdom

[ST 12b] A *Fifth Sign* will be by and through the opening of the Living Testimony, which proclaims the approach of Christ's Kingdom. And which shall be guarded and fenced with such power and authority from the Holy Ghost, as shall convince and invite the monarchs and nobles of the earth to listen thereto, and look into the deep mysteries relating to it, and preparing for it; by whose countenancing and improving all their power to promote this super-eminent Kingdom, they will be great Presidents and Leaders to their Subjects. Hereby also there will be mighty stirring for the bringing in of the Scattered Tribes of *Israel;* that will begin to come in at the hearing of this joyful sound, to give a resurrection out of their deadness in unbelief, which will be marvelous and wonderful.

Sixth Sign forerunning the Kingdom

[ST 13] §.A *Sixth* sort that may have hit the right Mark, and do profess and own the regency and Dispensation of Christ in His Spirit, that are promoters of it, and avouching themselves to be under the teachings and leadings of it: but these must not pass without being weighed according to the Balance of the Sanctuary. These are such that have sprung up too quick, and suddenly, in the true light and notion of it: but they have not taken deep root from the Central Wheel, and Essence of Christ the Eternal Word in themselves. Among such there will be a mighty shaking and falling away in the Time of Trial and Probation; and among them will be found great subtlety and treachery of spirit against those of the same profession and alliance with them, even to the betraying of the Spiritual Life; which is a stratagem of the Serpent more subtle to hurt than any other. Of this there is too doleful an appearance at this time, which

cries for vengeance against those *Satanical* powers, who have thus craftily crept into the minds of those that were enlightened, and had tasted of the Heavenly Gift.

Seventh Sign forerunning the Kingdom

[ST 14] §.Now all these *Signs* being amplified and made good at this time, do certainly presage that the Kingdom and Dominion to the Daughter of Sion is drawing near: which will constitute the *Seventh Order,* which consists of such choice and virgin minds, in whom there shall be found no guile, who have passed through the Probation-State, and have possessed the conquering *Bow of Faith,* to that degree that they are strong to go on in an overcoming might: whereby they put all opposing powers to flight, whether in invisible dark regions or in the visible and temporary.

[ST 15a] §.Now it remains that the government, and power, and dominion of the Kingdom, will rest upon such a Select Number, who have first passed through great Tribulations, for the Witness and Testimony of the expected Reign of the Spirit. Being kept yet in suspense and delay, it awakens a mighty cry, and ardent and vehement intercedings among the Sanctuary-Waiters and worshippers: which has entered and deeply pierced the Heart of Him that is to descend as the Mighty Savior and Deliverer. Insomuch that there was heard from the heavens a voice saying, "Behold I come; with a full recompense of reward to the patient waiters and holders out in this Hour of Probation: Yet a little while, and the judgment shall fit, and the decision be given. For there shall be a Sealing go forth in the Father's Name, and my Name, and the Holy Ghost's, that shall be the true living Draught drawn, that shall put an end to all prophetical worded testimonies, turning them into pure act and power."

[ST 15b] This was the joyful sound heard from the Throne and Kingdom of the Lamb, which gave also further intimation, whereby it should be known by some *Following Signs,* in whom the Kingdom of God should first appear: At first invisible and internal, and afterwards visible and external. This will be in such qualified persons as have been separated, and called out of this Worldly Principle, to see to the ends of their own Earth, and their Sun, Moon and Stars of the Rational and Sensitive Life, that ruled and governed in the Earthly part, to be darkened, and fall away. This is an evident Sign that the True *Sun of Glory* will break forth, and enlighten the whole inward Heavens and Earth in man. Thus He will set footing in the inward ground of the heart: that it may be His Throne-Habitation, there to reign till we subdue every thought and motion made subject to Him. Then shall the Heavens and Earth in the New Creature, rejoice, that the King of Glory has taken to him His great power to reign, internally in the omnipotence of His Spirit.

The Seven Signs following them that enter into the Kingdom: or, the Sevenfold Process of Perfect Regeneration

First Sign following them that enter the Kingdom

[ST 16] §.As it is thus invisibly made manifest, so it will dilate itself also and spread into a *Visible* Kingdom. And there are Seven Visible Signs that will make out the Dominion and Kingdom, in its First Appearance, in what persons soever it shall open. The *First Sign* is the *Dying* Marks: whereby they are thoroughly slain and crucified, to the love of all inferior things pertaining to this Earthly principle and Kingdom.

Second Sign following them that enter the Kingdom

[ST 17] §.The *Second Sign*: As there has been a sowing into the death and perfect crucifixion, so it *rises*, and becomes a Resurrection-Plant in the Love-Principle and Light-Kingdom: where there is liberty, power and might to act and do visibly, according to the property of Christ's Resurrection-Life. Nothing of the worldly principle can any more touch or bind them down, being translated from out of the power and dominion of the Satanical Kingdom.

Third Sign following them that enter the Kingdom

[ST 18] §.The *Third Sign* that follows is: The Marks of the *Ascension* into those goodly Tents, which Christ the Kingly Shepherd has pitched for them near Himself: where they may have free and immediate recourse to Him, and He to them: receiving the impression and similitude of their Lord, as having such relation to Him, by standing so near His Glorified Figure.

Fourth Sign following them that enter the Kingdom

[ST 19] §.The *Fourth Sign* is their being constituted and deputed, by virtue of the mission and Gift of the *Holy Ghost*, to bear rule and government over the Starry Constellations and Earthly Elements, as to their malignant hurtfulness: so as that no destructions or wounding weapons can here enter; because they are encircled with the Eternal Burning Element of God Himself; that will devour all pricking thorns and briars, that shall spring up and set themselves against them: but must turn to dust and ashes before them.

Fifth Sign following them that enter the Kingdom

[ST 20] §.The *Fifth Sign* is the opening the mighty Spring of the *Spirit of Faith*, that shall rise and conquer all self-reasoning, so as not to admit of any doubt or staggering, but make its pass in a strait line up to the Glorified Jesus, as He is invested with *all power*, as well in the lower regions as in the upper: And so unite with that powerful Name *Alpha* and *Omega*. Which faith in this great Name must produce those mighty works and deeds mentioned by our Lord after His resurrection, as *the Signs that shall follow them that believe*. In my Name shall they cast out Devils, they shall speak with New Tongues, they shall take up Serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them. They shall lay their Hands on the Sick, and they shall recover. Now by virtue of these mighty acting powers, redemption will be wrought out; setting free from the burdens and oppressions, penuries, maladies, and other miseries that the whole creation for so many ages has groaned under; From which there can be no deliverance till these Resurrection-Powers can come down, to rest upon those who are to be the First-Risen Witnesses.

Sixth Sign following them that enter the Kingdom

[ST 21] §.The *Sixth Sign* will be the great amazing Wonder of all appearances that yet have been: which is that a *New Paradise* shall again spring in the midst of this worldly Babylonish principle. The *Rosy* and *Lily* Plants will here lift up their heads, as being installed again in their own native Kingdom: which it is the good will and pleasure of their Father, to restore to them the rich dowries out of Wisdom's Bank and Storehouse, which never was before opened. Commanders they shall be, both of what is needful in the Upper World, and in this Nether; no need of taking thought for *this* or *that*, which belongs to the outward bodily state: For it will be given them as they stand united with Christ their Head to possess the Earth, and to inherit all things.

Seventh Sign following them that enter the Kingdom

[ST 22] §.The *Seventh Sign* is putting on *Transfiguration,* which will be accompanied with the Descent and Appearance of Christ in them, in His Glorified Figure: by the glance of which glory, they are transformed into the express Image of His Bright Body. To this prepared Spouse a voice was heard, saying: *Arise, shine; for your light is come, and the glory of your Bridegroom is now become your covering.* The Marriage here will be consummated from the High-Throne Majesty, who gives His full concurrence hereunto. Now what may be less expected from this *Matrimonial* Unity, but such an Offspring and new Creation of Spirits that may be all pure and perfect, as was designed by the Father of Eternity, to bring forth after His own similitude before *Adam's* Fall; which purpose of God could never be made void: though a stop was permitted for a while, for the bringing forth the manifold Wisdom, and Wonders of God, transcendently by Him who was from Eternal Generation the Son of God. By whom all that was lapsed was to be repaired again to far greater advantage; which in the concluding part of all Secrets will be made manifest, for admiration and astonishment to all throughout the whole universe of God's creation.

[ST 23a] §.It remains now to observe what from the redoubled Seven Eyes have been truly discerned: The Signs *forerunning,* and those that *follow,* as evidences when the Kingdom is truly come. And it will begin as it was in the First *Paradise,* in Male and Female, through the restoration of the lost Eternal Virgin-Nature. And as *Eve* sucked in the Serpently Venom, and introduced it into the *First Adam,* and thereby corrupted and involved him in the same transgression, whereby there was a going out and dividing from God the Eternal Root; by which the Banishment out of *Paradise* was pronounced, and an exclusion and loss of the Kingdom and Dominion: So the Virgin rises in her Room to draw and feed upon that *Tree of Life:* and having tasted of the Virtue thereof, gives to her chosen and elected Mate, so known and assigned to stand in the Room of him that brought in sorrow and the curse. That must die and be extinguished as this *Tree of Life,* by this True Eternal Marriage of the Male and Female, shall come to spring up in fruitful powers.

[ST 23b] Then comes forth the renewing of that blessed Word that God spoke in the beginning, *And God blessed them, and God said unto them, be fruitful and multiply and replenish the Earth, and subdue it. And have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, over every living thing that moves upon the Earth* (Gen. 1:28). Now this has been obliterated and lost out of possession in that lapsed generation, that proceeded from the First *Adam* for these many ages of time that have passed over. But the grace and purpose of God cannot be nullified, but must be made good. The pure Eternal Virgin-Nativity will recover itself, and stand over all this apostatized state: whereby an end may be put to the sinful progeny of the Old World. But this great renovation and change will rise and come on gradually. So from here a New Generation shall spread and multiply here upon the Earth, as a Deified Leaven, that shall eat out the bitter and sour leaven that had gotten into depraved nature. ✝✝✝