

February 1. an Alarm of the Spirit to the Friends of the Bridegroom.

by Jane Lead

The sermon is a call to awaken the Friends of the Bridegroom to prepare for the coming distress and to separate from the world and its ways, in order to be preserved from the Scourge.

Scripture: Isaiah 52:1, Daniel 12:1, Matthew 24:13, 1 Peter 1:5, Revelation 7:3

Topics: "Spiritual Preparation", "End Time Prophecy"

Description

Jane Lead preaches a message of awakening and preparation for the distress that is coming upon all nations, urging believers to put on their body of strength and be vigilant in these troubled times. She speaks of a remnant being anointed as priests to carry salvation to others, protected by a body of might and strength amidst chaos and destruction. Lead emphasizes the need for separation from worldly distractions and a deep spiritual sequestration to be counted among those who will experience a miraculous defense and deliverance in the impending tribulation.

Transcript

This Voice cried in my Ears this first of February, Awake, awake, be putting on of your Body of Strength, sleep not in security as others do, for distress in all Nations is coming on. Need here will be for some, to be made meet to go, and pour out Salvation-Oyl, that so a remnant may be preserved, as anointed Priests to carry the Golden Ark, into the most Holy Tabernacle, that is within the Veil. Oh this Alarm of the Spirit, called the Friends of the Bridegroom to awaken watchfulness, lest we should be included in the common calamity, on such a black and gloomy Day, as is assuredly coming upon the whole Terrestrial frame of things. Therefore this Trumpet-Voice in my Ears hath sounded for to stir up, and to be looking after that munition Rock of strength, wherein at all such perilous times, we may know our hiding as a House which none of these outward Storms can shake, nor the noise of a Warriour make afraid. Verily it was opened unto me, that there was such a Body of might and strength coming down for help to shield off all, that is of Man's insolency and fury. And further it was noted to me, that in this last troublesome time, that Fire-Ball will kindle throughout all Nations, whereby they shall consume and devour one another. But there will be given again the immaculate Body to some, for a distinguishing and sealing Mark, over which the destroying Angels of Judgment will have Power, no more than the Lions had over Daniel, though in the very Den with them. These are of the ransomed Ones, that shall walk to and from in the midst of Slaughter, and not be hurt, but preserved as Lot was in the midst of a burning Sodom for a righteous

Seed, that shall replenish the Earth again, after Judgment hath done its work.

But this may be objected: but what assurance shall we have for this ? Seeing that in all these later Ages the righteous hath been swept away with the Wicked in a general Calamity. How is it that now more security may be expected? As to this I shall answer in plainness, according to that Revelation, that was given upon this Trumpets sounding in me. Why now more to be expected than formerly? Because the mystery of Faith does now begin to open, and work in a far more excellent and higher degree in such, who are decreed in the Lamb's Book of Life, for to be Saviours upon Mount-Sion. In whom the Spirit of Elijah and Elisha will arise for miraculous defence and deliverance, though visible Armies shall every way cast a trench, and round beset them. Yet these, upon whom the Life-Mark is sealed, shall escape through all, and make their way through all Weapons of War. For their Armor will be of the Coelestial Mettle: therefore all, who are only found in Sinful Mortal forms, will be too weak and fruitless to push against them. This will you say is an extraordinary visible Salvation indeed, how shall we come to know our selves to be numbered hereunto? Truly so far as it is given me to know, I shall not shun to declare. I well know, this will be appropriated to a few Names, who raised up shall be, as the eight Principal Shepherds who are Propheied of, to be Shelters, so appointed by that one great Shepherd. Who doth take care of his humble, and meek Lambs, who are scattered upon the Mountains of prey: and will choose some highly graduated and illuminated Ones to personate his Power, and Presence here upon the Earth, for the succour and help of those, who are yet of a lower stature and growth in the true Vine of Life. That they may be preserved to be sown for a choice Royal Seed for the new Creation, that will suddainly be manifested after this hot brunt of Tribulation.

Upon which account, it will be worth living out the Storm, that will come in general upon all Nations. Now the same Counsel, which was inspired in to me, I freely impart to my fellow Branches of the same Life-Tree. First that we haste and come out and be separated in Spirit, Mind, and Body, and have no more to do with that Worldly conversation, that deflowers our Nazarite Life, and to avoid by a pure and resolved sequestration, from what the Spirit of this Principle judgeth lawful and necessary for making Provision for the outward. The pretence of which hath stifled the Birth-Life of the Spirit in Millions of Souls, by fettering and entangling themselves in the multiplicity of Earthly affairs: No such whose minds stand divided betwixt two Principles, can expect to be enrolled among that Number, for whom this visible Salvation is prepared. The true Heirs of the Kingdom, mind nothing to load themselves withal, further than what is required for absolute necessity: Till they shall have little further occasion, either for mortal Food or Cloathing. Where to they are following hard to obtain, through the Resurrection from the Dead. A State that is yet to be revealed. Then again it was by the Holy One further cautioned, that we should not only come out of the Immersements with these gross Pollutions, from the Spirit if the World. But here is a Call out of the mode of a fine spun dress, in matters tending to a Religious form of Worship, wherein a great degree have been committed, Spiritual Idolatry, against the true Tabernacle-Witness; mixing in the Holy place, which hath long been covered over with a Purple Veil: and though it is given to some to see through it, and understand that Babylon hath there set her foot. Yet at present all those formal gatherings, bear away the renown of Christ's discipline, which Vail assuredly er'e long will be rent away. Therefore from it, all who have crept under it for shelter, draw off and seek out for that perfect Temple Body, that will be raised up about you, where the Holy Ghost shall Officiate all for you Powerfully. Where no jealousy of mixture can be in any of your offerings. Much more I could further declare on this subject, but this may suffice for to caution the Spiritual wise, who may learn herefrom, what may from the Spirits Alarm instruct us unto. That so we may be fitly qualified in all these respects, for such an Eminent Preservation from the overflowing Scourge. Let time no longer slip away, but set upon Noah's Work day by day, and thereby convince the

World, that we do its destruction foresee. And therefore we are taking our leave before hand, that so we may be taken into a more stable Kingdom. To which dear Jesus do thou bring us.

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