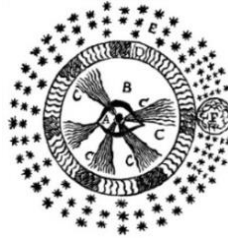

Spirit's Day Studies

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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Q & A

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51) **Star of Bethlehem:** With Christmas just around the corner, did Jane Lead ever comment on the Star of Bethlehem?

Jane's only mention of the phrase *Star of Bethlehem* is in *Tree of Faith*,¹ where she allegorizes it both outwardly and inwardly. *Outwardly* it represents the Gentile Nation of England, as being the *first* to receive the message of a total and full redemption, through the Gospel of the Kingdom of God's LOVE, and to bear the responsibility of promoting that message.² This is in contrast to the Nation of Israel as the first to receive the message of salvation through the Messiah.³ *Inwardly* it represents the *Birth of Christ*, as the blossoming root of a new and different life; that opens and fulfills this very Kingdom within the soul, through the mystical death, burial, resurrection and glorification.⁴ Jane warned her country, as well as Holy Seekers and Loving Inquirers everywhere, not to let this *Day of Visitation* pass them by, as did the Jews of old.⁵

52) **Israel's Return:** I am sure you know there is a major push for the Jews to return to Israel: Evangelicals funding, and Israel giving cash and other incentives. But if a major war breaks out, with more Jews than ever back in the Land, wouldn't this be a trap that could bring about another Holocaust?

Three centuries before the modern [Zionist movement](#) paved the way for the rebirth of Israel in 1948, Jane Lead (and many faithful Christians before her) wrote of the return of the Jewish people to their homeland—and of their ultimate salvation and restoration.⁶ She wrote that “God will yet call the Jews to salvation,”⁷ and referred to them as the *Church* that “was, and is not, *and is to be.*” She urged them (along with the several other Churches) “to fly out of the confusion of Babylon, and to come under the orderly and peaceable government of the Sion Kingdom.”⁸

The Lord is indeed calling the Jews back to their God-given homeland.⁹ Bible prophecy reveals that Israel will play a major role in the end time scenario, and the Holy Land will be the focus of many apocalyptic events.¹⁰ For the Scriptures tell us that God will use Israel in the *Judgment of the Nations*.¹¹ The Jews are God's *Earthly* people, while the Church is the Lord's *Heavenly* people. He will continue to use *both* in the remainder of this Age, as well as in the Age to come.

As for the present conflicts involving Israel, this is part of God's plan as well: For the Lord is incrementally restoring to them the Land they were promised in both the [Abrahamic Covenant](#) and the [Land Covenant](#). That is, Israel will expand. Millions of Jews presently living *outside* of Israel will return to their homeland, and are even now returning;¹² however they cannot possibly fit comfortably within the borders of that tiny nation. Therefore Israel will conquer and acquire its surrounding territories. When Israel expands, through major wars as predicted in the Bible, many more Jews will be needed to both fight those wars, and to inhabit and maintain their newly acquired territory.¹³

Even so, the Jews will suffer tremendously, especially during the [70th Week of Daniel](#)—which Israel has not yet entered. This too is part of God's plan: For He will purge and purify them, as the Lord is presently purging and purifying His Church.¹⁴ (For more on this topic please ask for my study *Israel's End Time Wars*. See also books by Christian author [Bill Salus](#).)¹⁵

- 53) **Hierarchy:** I am confused by Jane Lead's notion of a "hierarchical status" in Eternity based on Earthly deeds. I thought salvation and eternal life are gifts of grace, and that good works are the fruit of a genuine relationship with Christ, rather than a means to achieve status in the afterlife. Why would a hierarchy be necessary in Eternity?

The idea of a hierarchy in the next life or age is a difficult concept for Christians who believe that when Jesus returns He will treat all Christians equally, and will give them all the same degree of responsibility. But the Scriptures do not support that notion. For as Jesus Himself said, He searches the reins and hearts, and gives to everyone *according to their works*.¹⁶ And if we consider that the Millennium comes *before* Eternity,¹⁷ this will clear up the confusion about why a system of individual merits is necessary. For during the [1,000-year-reign of Christ](#) unbelievers will still be in the world, and children will be born as well. The Lord will therefore have His servants assist Him in administering the Kingdom Age based upon their individual gifts and rewards received *in this life*.¹⁸ So, yes, this present life is a testing or staging area for the Age that is to come. An excellent book on this subject is *The Kingdom, Power, and Glory* by Chuck and Nancy Missler.¹⁹

Interestingly, Jane Lead *never* uses the word *hierarchy* to describe those who will usher in the next age here on Earth. Even so, the question is: *If Christians are to be kings and priests—then what are we to be kings and priests over?* Certainly we do not become rulers of cities in this present age. Yet certain "Christians" are promoting themselves as "prophets" and "apostles," advocating a "Christian" infiltration of various governmental departments and agencies. Not only does the Bible not teach this, but it is also a gross misinterpretation of the writings of Mrs. Lead.

- 54) **The Church:** What exactly is the Church in Jane's writings? She seems to use the word in a number of ways.

In both the Holy Scriptures and the writings of Jane Lead, the "Church" in its broadest sense may be considered a "Great Assembly,"²⁰ which consists of a number of smaller groups that are also called "churches." For example, the Seven Churches in the Book of Revelation were each individual churches, yet collectively they were also *the* Church. Every true believer and follower of the Lord Jesus Christ is part of this collective Church—whether or not they attend an outward, local Church.

Therefore we find a number of different Churches in the Scriptures. The Firstborn are called the *Church* of the Firstborn;²¹ the Bride of Christ is also a Church;²² in addition to all the various groups that make up the Body of Christ.²³ In the book of Acts, the Children of Israel are called the *Church in the Wilderness*.²⁴ So while all true Christians belong to *the* Church, they may also be part of a distinct group within the Grand Assembly that may also be called a church.

- 55) **The Firstborn:** How does one know if he is truly selected to be a Firstborn Son of God?

The only persons that can truly know they are the Firstborn are those who have gone through all the Apocalyptic Seals, the Seven Thunders, and have entered into the Mt. Zion (inward) Resurrection-state;²⁵ who have passed through several testings, trials, and purgings; and having learned obedience through the things they have suffered.²⁶ For they must follow on to know the Lord in His sufferings and death—before they can ever know Him in the power of His resurrection!²⁷ Thus it is not an easy thing to be a Firstborn; and none should dare take this title to themselves. ²⁸ For to be a Firstborn is a most difficult *appointment*, and is assigned exclusively by God.²⁹

And as it was *by the resurrection from the dead* that Jesus Christ was *declared* to be the Son of God with power,³⁰ it is only through an inward resurrection that one is *proven* to be a Firstborn.³¹ A Firstborn Son is a resurrected son! This is the distinction between Calling and Election.³² One may sense he (or she) is *called* to be a Firstborn. But only by the resurrection can he or she be *declared* a Firstborn!³³ Tragically, several movements, and even students of Jane Lead, are claiming to be the Firstborn—though they never entered or otherwise completed this process.

56) **Patriarchal Age:** In [Ascent to the Mount of Vision](#) Jane Leade writes that the Millennium is a return to The Patriarch Age. But that was a primitive age, and it implies going backwards.

The early Patriarchs held a position of great prominence within their tribes. The father of the family/tribe was the head, the priest, and in some instances a king. His position of authority as the *Firstborn* also made him responsible for the well-being of his brethren; and was therefore rendered great respect and obedience by the other clan members. But all that would change according to Jacob's prophecy; when on his deathbed he divided the inheritance of the Firstborn into three: the Scepter, the Priesthood, and the Birthright.³⁴

In that prophecy the Scepter was assigned to Judah, the Priesthood went to Levi, and the Birthright was given to Joseph. The Scepter involved the right to rule over all the 12 tribes of Israel. The Priesthood involved the right to mediate over the holy things of God, and later, the Tabernacle and the Temple. Priests were to make intercession for the people through prayer, ceremonies, and sacrifices. The Birthright was traditionally given to the Firstborn, who had the privilege of receiving a double portion of the inheritance. With that double portion came the responsibility of helping the younger members. Thus the return to the Patriarchal Age is to have all three consolidated again in one person, as was seen in *type* in the brief appearance of King Melchizedek of Salem.³⁵ Therefore the return to the Patriarchal Age is the return of the Melchizedek Priesthood. (See also Question 57.)

The work of our Lord Jesus Christ, both in the Heavens and in the Earth, is to *recover* all that was lost in the Fall of our representative Adam. This return (*restoration*) is mentioned throughout Holy Scriptures. Jane Lead also tells us that the *Ministry of the Spirit* will again be revived in the Church—first in the *New Chosen Disciplehood*—who shall recover what was lost by an orderly process *backwards*, by the same way in which it declined, through various degrees of true regeneration.³⁶ Therefore the return to the Patriarchal Age also marks the return of longevity of life, which is referred to by Mrs. Lead as *the restoration of Methuselah's years* when people lived near 1,000 years.³⁷

57) **Melchizedek:** What was Jane Lead's understanding and teaching on The Melchizedek Priesthood?

Throughout the ages many false teachings about this Priesthood have been promulgated by evil or else misinformed leaders. However this does not negate the fact that a true Melchizedek Priesthood exists. For Jesus is presently mediating for His followers in the heavenlies. But what kind of Priest is He? A *High Priest* certainly. But He cannot be an Aaronic priest; for Jesus is from the kingly Tribe of Judah. The Bible tells us plainly that He is a Priest after the *Order of Melchizedek*. So there is indeed a Melchizedek Order, and Jesus Christ is the High Priest of that Order, for the Word of God declares that *Jesus is a Priest FOREVER after the Order of Melchizedek*.³⁸

A close examination of King David will reveal something that is often overlooked. Few Christians realize that David was in fact a prophet, a king—and a priest! And while King Saul (Tribe of Benjamin) was punished by the Lord for illegally making a sacrifice, King David (Tribe of Judah) not only offered a sacrifice, but was *commanded* to do so by the Lord.³⁹ David also wore the vestment (ephod) that only priests were permitted to wear, and *inquired* of the Lord *inside the Tabernacle*!⁴⁰ Thus David portrays (typifies) the return of all three ministries (Judah, Levi, Joseph) into one person (group).⁴¹ (See also Question 56.)

When the Apocalyptic writer states that *He hath made us kings and priests unto God*, which order of priests did he mean?⁴² Again, when Peter wrote that the Lord will have a *Royal Priesthood*, which order of priests did he mean?⁴³ If Jesus is a Melchizedek Priest (and He is), and if His followers are also to be priests (and they are)—then a true Christian, who has received the Birth of Life, who is now therefore “in Christ,” is also a Melchizedek Priest! But this Priesthood has varying levels (degrees), which are detailed in Jane's *Revelation of Revelations*.

- 58) **Purgatory:** There is only one teaching of Jane Lead that bothers me. I really have a challenge accepting that everyone will ultimately be saved. You said that at death we are consigned to regions corresponding to degrees of our spiritual attainment while still in the body on Earth.⁴⁴ Then through various purgings we advance to better regions, until we are all saved. But this reminds me of the Roman Catholic teaching of Purgatory.

Jane Lead writes of the great disappointment that many true Christians will realize when they leave this visible world: for their entire Christian life has been devoted to the belief that upon mortal death they will instantly be in the presence of the Lord. Little have they realized that unless their *Body of Sin* is completely destroyed, they will not be able to ascend into the immediate presence of the Lord Jesus Christ in His manifest and glorified person.⁴⁵ Thus the reason for writing *The Eight Worlds* was to educate and encourage Christians toward the destruction of the *Body of Sin*, through the mystical process,⁴⁶ so that they may freely ascend to be with their Lord and King.

This *Body of Sin* is not the mortal outward vessel. It's the indwelling *sin principle* that was introduced in the Fall, and is ruinous to the Christian life and faith. The Body of Sin, so pernicious and hardy, cannot be destroyed by mortal death alone; but clings tenaciously to the soul, so that if not completely annihilated *before* death, it must accompany the soul into the next world or worlds.⁴⁷

As for Paul's passage in 2Corinthians, *We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord*, Jane remarks that Paul is speaking of being "caught up out of our senses," and also of "translation," which is the great change that the body is to expect upon the completion of this mystical death process. Thus Paul adds, *Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of Him.*⁴⁸

Concerning the Roman doctrine of Purgatory, Jane answers that question in *The Everlasting Gospel*, #17, where she states that the papists received this revelation carried over from the early age—which held this belief in truth and purity, but that it had since seen corruption, which brought the true teaching into disrepute. She adds that this provision of separate purging and purifying worlds does not represent heresy, but rather the great kindness of the Wise Creator, and gives us an understanding of the expanse and depth of His love for all of His fallen creation. She also approaches the subject with a mystical view in *Revelation of Revelations*, and describes it as a *Spirit of Burning*, which she identifies as the purifying baptizing fire, whose coming was preached by John the Baptist.⁴⁹

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- 59) **Enochian State:** What is meant by the Enochian State in Jane Lead's writings?

The Enoch's State is also called the translated state, and is the focus of her book [The Enochian Walks with God](#). It consists of being taken up wholly in spirit, while the body remains "in time." It is the "shaking off" of our earthly body, and walking with God in the heavenlies. Enoch "walked with God" in the upper regions, and could descended again back into his body, to be seen among the people. God ultimately "took him" into the heavens, without experiencing mortal death.⁵⁰

Moses was in this state while he communed with God on Mt. Sinai. Mortal man cannot bear the direct glory and pure presence of the Deity;⁵¹ therefore God spoke with Moses face to face while the prophet was wholly taken up in the Spirit. Moses would leave his body (translation) in order to talk with God, and then return to his body when the communion was finished. This was signified and also typified by the removal of his shoes when communing with the Lord, and then putting them back on when he descended down to the people.⁵²

The Apostle John was in the Enochian State when he was given the message of the Apocalypse.⁵³ So overwhelmed by the awesome presence of the glorified Christ, John *fell at His feet as dead*.⁵⁴ Then Jesus touched him and restored the "dead" John back to life. This action signifies the death of the Body of Sin, and the ultimate "touch" of God that restores the dead back to life. Only then was John able to be taken up to witness those remarkable visions, and the New Jerusalem-City.⁵⁵ †††

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 *Tree of Faith* (TR 65).

2 *Eight Worlds* (EW 1:23); *The Everlasting Gospel Message*; *The 60 Propositions*.

3 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. (Rom 1:16)

What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision? Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God. (Rom 3:1-2)

4 See [The Heavenly Cloud Now Breaking](#).

5 And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation. (Luk 19:44)

Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation. (1Pe 2:12)

Third Message to the Philadelphian Society (3M P:16, 23); *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 4* (17CV, January 27, 1679); *Ascent to the Mount of Vision* (AS P:2).

6 Watson, William C. (2015) *Dispensationalism Before Darby*. Lampion House Publishing.

7 *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 1* (1F P:26).

8 *Third Message to the Philadelphian Society* (3M 2).

9 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the **second time** to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. (Isa 11:11-12)

For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. (Eze 36:24-28)

10 Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. (Zec 12:2)

And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon. (Rev 16:16)

11 Matthew 25:31–46.

For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land. (Joe 3:1-2)

12 Eze. 36:24-28; Isa. 11:11-12.

[Israel's End Time Events \(GotQuestions.org\)](http://GotQuestions.org).

13 Salus, Bill. (2023). *Psalm 83, The Missing Prophecy Revealed*. Prophecy Depot Publishing.

14 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they

may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness. (Mal 3:2-3)

15 [Prophecy Depot Ministries](#).

16 *Revelation* 2:23.

17 *Revelation* Chapters 20, 21, 22.

18 Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? (1Co 6:2)

For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: If we suffer, we shall also reign with him... (2Ti 2:11-12)

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. (Rev 3:21)

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (Rev 20:4)

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. (Rev 5:9-10)

19 Missler, Chuck & Nancy. (2012). *The Kingdom, Power, and Glory: The Overcomers Handbook*. King's Highway Ministries.

20 *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 1* (1F P:6).

21 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)

Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 1 (1F 14:6); *Second Message to the Philadelphian Society* (2M 12).

22 *Enochian Walks with God* (EN 2:6); *Tree of Faith* (TR 12).

23 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the

dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. (Col 1:18)

Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church: (Col 1:24)

Signs of the Times (ST P:10); *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 2* (2F P:18).

24 This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear. This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us: (Act 7:37-38)

25 This process is described in *The Heavenly Cloud Now Breaking*. See also *Revelation of Revelations* (40P #21-24).

26 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; (Heb 5:8)
Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 3 (3F 8:5).

27 *Signs of the Times* (ST 17); *Enochian Walks with God* (EN 4:5).

28 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. (2Ti 3:12)
Incarnation of Christ (IN 30:4).

Of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them. (Act 5:13)

29 And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn: (Exo 4:22)

Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth. (Psa 89:27)

30 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: (Rom 1:3-4)

Second Message to the Philadelphian Society (2M 6); *Living Funeral Testimony* (LF 20).

31 *Revelation of Revelations* (RR 40P #21-24).

32 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)

Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: (2Pe 1:10)

33 Christian women who have experienced this resurrection are also considered Firstborn Sons. (Gal. 3:28)

34 Genesis Chapter 49.

Jacob's Prophecy. GotQustions.org

35 Genesis 14:17-20.

36 *Third Message to the Philadelphian Society* (3M P:11).

37 *Ascent to the Mount of Vision* (AS 26-27).

38 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek. (Psa 110:4)

For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. (Heb 7:17)

(For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:) (Heb 7:21)

39 2Samuel 24:18-25; See also [Saul vs David's Sacrifice \(GotQuestions.org\)](http://Saul vs David's Sacrifice (GotQuestions.org)).

40 And David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David. And David enquired at the Lord...(1Sa 30:7-8)

41 Then all the children of Israel went out, and the congregation was gathered together as one man, from Dan even to Beersheba, with the land of Gilead, unto the LORD in Mizpeh. (Jdg 20:1)

And when the seventh month was come, and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem. (Ezr 3:1)

And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Mo-

ses, which the LORD had commanded to Israel. (Neh 8:1)

42 Rev. 1:6.

43 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light: (1Pe 2:9)

And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. (Exo 19:6)

44 See Q&A November 2024, #48.

45 *Eight Worlds* (EW 1:8c).

46 The process is described in *The Heavenly Cloud Now Breaking*.

47 *Eight Worlds* (EW 1:2b); *Living Funeral Testimony* (LF 26c).

48 Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. (2Co 5:9)
Heavenly Cloud (HC 1:25).

49 *Revelation of Revelations* (RR 4:3).

50 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. (Heb 11:5)

Enochian Walks with God (EN 2:1); *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 2* (2F 23:14); *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 3* (3F 3:21).

177 Theosophical Questions (177Q 86); *Threefold Life* (3FL 18:5)

51 Exo. 3:20.

52 Exo. 3:5; Deu. 34:10.

Enochian Walks with God (EN 3:4); *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 2* (2F 1:9-15).

53 *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 1* (1F P:28, 1:2, 3:22); *Revelation of Revelations* (RR 1:10, 4:2, 17:3, 21:10).

54 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: (Rev 1:17)

55 *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 1* (1F 10:12).