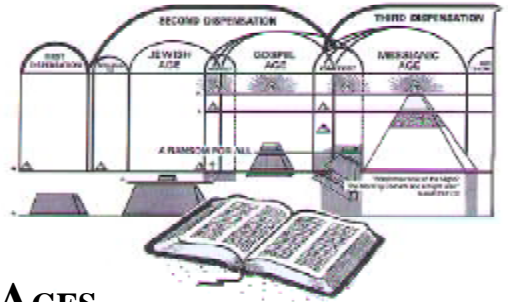




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THE DIVINE PLAN OF THE AGES STUDY 13

THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD

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- ◆ **BEFORE** filling in the blanks, please prayerfully **study** the 71 paragraphs and the scriptures cited with the questions. We suggest that you number the paragraphs in your book.
- ◆ Return your answers to us. *PLEASE ENCLOSE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE.* Our Canadian and International friends may make special arrangements for the postage.
- ◆ Your answers will be checked and returned to you for your future studies.
- ◆ **STUDY 14** will be sent when you have completed this lesson.

1. Man was given dominion over the **FISH** , **FOWL** , **CATTLE** , every living thing, and the **EARTH** . (Genesis 1:26)

2. The commission to fill and subdue the earth was given not only to **ADAM** but also to all mankind. (Genesis 1:28; 9:1)

3. Was man given dominion over his fellow men? **NO** Had the race remained perfect, could satisfactory arrangements, for the just and wise distribution of the common blessings, been worked out? **YES**

4. The Creator's original design for earth's government was a **REPUBLIC** .

5. The Supreme Ruler of the universe has one law which, briefly stated, is **LOVE** . (Rom. 13:10)

6. Man was given dominion over the works of the hands of the **CREATOR** . (Psalm 8:5,6) The first establishment of the kingdom of God on earth was the dominion given to mankind in the person of **ADAM** . Man's disobedience to his Creator forfeited not only his **LIFE** , but also his privileges as God's representative ruler of **EARTH** . (Gen. 3:22-24) The kingdom of God on earth ceased speedily when **ADAM** disobeyed. God's typical kingdom on earth was established for a short time in **ISRAEL** . (Amos 3:2) As long as man's condemned life lasts, he is permitted to exercise the dominion of **EARTH** according to his ideas until the earthly phase of the kingdom begins its operation.

7. Our Lord's death purchased **MAN** and his original inheritance. (Ephesians 1:4) Our dear Redeemer purchased man and the dominion of earth

for the purpose of **RESTORING** man to his former **ESTATE** . (Acts 3:19-21) Will the reign of Messiah be everlasting? **NO** At the end of Christ's thousand year reign, the kingdom will be turned over to **GOD** . Man will be **GOD'S** representative. (1 Corinthians 15:24-28)

8. During the Jewish Age, God organized the people of Israel as his kingdom under **MOSES** , the judges, and the **KINGS** . The king of Israel was **JEHOVAH** . (Psalm 78:70, 71) The rule under David and Solomon, in some respects, was typical of Messiah's **REIGN** .

9. The typical kingdom of God was overthrown in the days of **ZEDEKIAH** .

10. God's words to Zedekiah were, "I will **OVERTURN** , **OVERTURN** , **OVERTURN** it...". (Ezekiel 21:25-27) The king of **BABYLON** removed king Zedekiah. Israel was restored to national existence by **CYRUS** , the Persian. (2 Chronicles 36:22,23) The people in Israel were tribute payers to Babylon, Medo-Persia, **GREECE** , and **ROME** . The Roman empire destroyed Israel as a nation, and scattered them among all **NATIONS** .

11. The rightful heir of the world is **CHRIST** . (Revelation 19:16) The prince of this world by usurpation is **SATAN** . (2 Corinthians 4:4) Was the kingdom of God set up at the first advent? **NO** (Luke 19:12) The fully consecrated who are more than **OVERCOMERS** will be joint-heirs with **CHRIST** . (Romans 8:16,17) Has the spiritual phase of the kingdom been in process of

establishment for more than 100 years? ___**YES**
(Daniel 2:44; 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17)

12. Did God indirectly recognize the Gentile governments? ___**YES** (Luke 21:24)

13. The period called *the times of the Gentiles* was fixed and ___**LIMITED**. Is God's kingdom under Christ marked in scripture? ___**YES**
(Daniel 2:44; Luke 22:29)

14. The permitted rule of the Gentiles provided for fallen man a lesson on the exceeding sinfulness of ___**SIN**. God *restrains* that which will work no ___**GOOD** and teach no *lesson*. (Psalm 76:10)

15. ___**SATAN** has taken advantage of man's weaknesses. (2 Cor. 2:11) Satan has misrepresented God's ___**CHARACTER** and plans because the *adversary* is a liar and the father of ___**LIES**. (John 8:44) Satan is the prince (ruler) by *usurpation* of the ___**SECOND** dispensation. (2 Cor. 4:4)

16. The two phases of the dominion of earth as at present exercised under the usurped control of Satan are spiritual and ___**EARTHLY**. Since Satan had *usurped* authority, he could offer to make our Lord the supreme visible ___**SOVEREIGN** of earth under his direction. (Matthew 4:9)

17. Deliverance to the groaning creation will come through the despised Nazarene and his ___**FOLLOWERS**. (Romans 8:19-22)

18. God through his ___**PROPHETS** has given his children several grand panoramic views of the kingdoms of this world, showing their overthrow.

19. The four great universal empires of earth that were given permission by God to rule for a limited time were ___**BABYLON**, Medo-Persia, ___**GREECE**, and ___**ROME**. (Daniel 2:37-43)

20. ___**BABYLON** overthrew the kingdom of Israel.

21. Were the things written aforetime in the Bible for our learning? ___**YES** (Romans 15:4; 13:1)

22. The image as seen by Nebuchadnezzar in his dream had a *head* of ___**GOLD**, a *breast* and *arms* of ___**SILVER**, a *belly and thighs* of ___**BRASS**, *legs* of ___**IRON**, and *feet* part iron and part ___**CLAY**. (Daniel 2:31-45)

23. In the dream the image was ___**BROKEN** to pieces together and the ___**WIND** carried them away. The stone that smote the image became a great ___**MOUNTAIN** and filled the ___**EARTH**.

24. The *head of gold* represented Babylon under ___**NEBUCHADNEZZAR**.

25. Were the succeeding kingdoms inferior? ___**YES**

26. The four universal ___**EMPIRES** of earth were ___**BABYLON**, Medo-Persia, Greece, and ___**ROME**. At the time of our Lord's birth, ___**ROME** held universal sway. (Luke 2:1)

27. The ___**ROMAN** empire was by far the strongest. The *clay element*, blended with the *iron* in the feet, represented the mixture of ___**CHURCH** and ___**STATE**. The mixture of ___**CHURCH** and ___**STATE** is termed Babylon (*confusion*) in the scriptures. (Revelation 18:2-4) A *stone* is the symbol of the true kingdom of ___**GOD**. *Clay* is an imitation of ___**STONE**. Did the spiritual phase of the kingdom of God begin to be set up before the *lease* to the Gentiles expired? ___**YES**
(Daniel 2:44) The kingdom of God will stand ___**FOREVER**.

28. Was Papacy a *counterfeit* of the true kingdom of God? ___**YES** Was the image smitten at the beginning of the first world war? ___**YES**

29. Was the prophet Daniel's interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream sure? ___**YES** (Dan. 2:45)

30. The *stone* kingdom is being formed, *cut out*, carved, and shaped during the ___**GOSPEL** age. The governments are symbolized by the ___**IMAGE**. Jesus came to save ___**LIVES**. (John 3:17)

31. The *stone* becomes the mountain after it has smitten the ___**IMAGE**. The earthly phase of God's kingdom under Christ's administration will begin its operation when the ___**TROUBLE** is stopped. (Matthew 24:22)

32. Those who are *more than overcomers* will sit with our Lord in his ___**THRONE**. (Revelation 3:21; 2:26; Psalm 2:8-12) After the trouble is stopped, the people will begin to be healed, taught the truth, and given the garment of praise for the spirit of ___**HEAVINESS**. (Isaiah 19:22; 2:3; Hosea 6:1)

33. Nebuchadnezzar's vision portrays the empires of earth to be an exhibition of human ___**GLORY**, grandeur, and ___**POWER**. (Daniel 2:31-33) Is their decline shown? ___**YES**

34. The world esteems the true church as of no ___**VALUE**. The world loves, praises, and defends the rulers and the ___**GOVERNMENTS**. The rulers have *slaughtered* their fellow ___**MAN** and made millions of widows and ___**ORPHANS**. Are the nations *today* still engaged in wars? ___**YES**
(Joel 3:9, 10)

35. Those who work wickedness are now set up in _____**POWER**. (Malachi 3:15) The establishment of God's kingdom will finally yield the peaceable fruits of _____**RIGHTEOUSNESS**. (Revelation 21:4)

36. God portrayed to Daniel (*in vision*) the four universal empires of earth as being inglorious and _____**BEASTLY**. The *first beast* was like a _____**LION** and had eagle's wings. The *second beast* was like a _____**BEAR**. The *third beast* was like a _____**LEOPARD**. The *fourth beast* was dreadful and _____**TERRIBLE**. (Daniel 7:2-7)

37. The *fourth beast* represented the _____**ROMAN** empire.

38. The fourth beast, which had _____**TEN** horns, was dreadful, terrible, and strong exceedingly.

39. The little horn that came up among the ten horns on the fourth beast represented the small beginnings and gradual rise to power of the church of _____**ROME**. (Daniel 7:7,8) The three horns or powers of the Roman empire that had to be plucked out of the way to make room for the establishment of the church of Rome were the Heruli, the Eastern Exarchate, and the _____**OSTROGOTHS**. (Daniel 7:8) The last horn, Papacy, is remarkable for its eyes, representing _____**INTELLIGENCE**, and its _____**MOUTH**, representing its claims. (Daniel 7:8)

40. The _____**DEVIL** was one of the names John the Revelator gave to the *fourth beast*. (Rev. 12:9) Did the change from Rome Pagan to Rome Papal illustrate one of Satan's chief characteristics? (2 Corinthians 11:14) _____**YES**

41. The prophet Daniel stated that judgment against the Papal horn would be rendered and it would begin to lose its dominion which would be _____**CONSUMED** by gradual process until the beast should be destroyed.

42. The consuming of the Papal horn began when _____**NAPOLEON** took the Pope prisoner to _____**FRANCE**.

43. Did Papacy continue to utter great swelling words of blasphemy? (Daniel 7:11) _____**YES**

44. Papacy is to be _____**DESTROYED** by the presence of Christ. (2 Thessalonians 2:8; Daniel 2:35)

45. The fifth universal empire of earth is the kingdom of _____**GOD** under Christ until the end of the _____**MILLENNIAL** age. (Daniel 2:44)

The associates with Christ will be his _____**BODY** members. (Rom. 8:15-17) Will the *fifth universal empire of earth* be an everlasting kingdom? _____**YES**

46. The *fifth universal empire of earth* will be placed in the hands of Christ by the ancient of _____**DAYS** (Jehovah). (Daniel 7:13, 14) Christ will subdue all _____**ENEMIES**. (1 Cor. 15:25) Must force be used to overthrow *the kingdoms of this world*? (Psalm 149:8, 9) _____**YES**

47. The more than _____**OVERCOMERS** will rule, bless, and restore the groaning creation. (Romans 8:17-37) God's children should pray for the incoming _____**KINGDOM**. (Matt. 6:9, 10)

48. Did each of the governments represented in the image exist before it came into power as the universal empire? _____**YES** Did the kingdom, as represented in our returned Lord and his resurrected body members, begin to be set up before the lease to the Gentiles expired? (Daniel 2:44) _____**YES**

49. Supreme right and authority to rule the world are forever vested in _____**JEHOVAH** (the Creator). (Psalm 90:1,2) Has fallen man lost control of himself? (Romans 7:19) _____**YES**

50. Some form of government is better than _____**ANARCHY**. Wishing to forget God, man exposed himself to _____**SATAN**. (Rom. 1:28)

51. The ostensible object of all governments has been has been to promote _____**JUSTICE**. Full _____**JUSTICE** has seldom been meted out.

52. Where *justice* has been ignored, those not in blindness have _____**REVOLTED**.

53. Without the governments of this world, poor as they have been, the baser element of _____**SOCIETY** would have overcome the better element.

54. Is dissatisfaction in the world more general today than ever before? _____**YES** Men's eyes have opened, under God's arrangement, by the increase of _____**KNOWLEDGE**. (Daniel 12:4)

55. Have the various governments exhibited the average ability of the people to govern themselves? _____**YES**

56. Is the spirit of independence now abroad? _____**YES** The invention of printing was in the year _____**1440** A.D. Is the increase of knowledge curtailing Satan's influence and circumscribing his power? _____**YES**

57. Because of the increase of knowledge, will the widespread dissatisfaction finally express itself in *total anarchy*? _____**YES** In the midst of

total anarchy, divine intervention will stop the trouble, and God's _____**KINGDOM** under Christ's administration will begin its operation. The desire of all _____**NATIONS** will come. (Haggai 2:7)

58. Should the consecrated followers of Christ be law abiding and pay their taxes except where the laws conflict with God's laws? (Romans 13:1-7; Matthew 22:21; Acts 4:19; 5:29) _____**YES** Did Jesus and his apostles take a share in the governments of this world? (John 18:36) _____**NO**

59. The consecrated should not covet the honors and the emoluments of office in the kingdoms of this _____**WORLD**. (John 18:36) The consecrated are heirs of the _____**HEAVENLY** kingdom. (Ephesians 2:19) It is not the church's mission at the present time to help improve the conditions in the world since it would be a _____**WASTE** of effort. The saints should let their _____**LIGHT** shine. (Matthew 5:14, 15) Should the fully consecrated be peaceable, orderly obeyers and commenders of every righteous law, reprovers of lawlessness and sin, and pointers forward to the promised kingdom of God? (2 Timothy 2:22-26; 4:2) _____**YES**

60. The saints should give their entire attention and effort to the preaching of the _____**KINGDOM** of God and its interests. (1 Tim. 4:13-16)

61. After the death of the apostles, did some in the early church endeavor to improve on God's plan? _____**YES** Did Papacy become the mistress and queen of nations? (Revelation 17:3-5; 18:7) _____**YES**

62. Papacy made the nations _____**DRUNK**. (Revelation 17:2)

63. Did the reformers fall into the same error of Papacy? _____**YES** Are the true disciples *of the world*? (John 17:16) _____**NO** Paul's admonition to the Roman brethren was "be not conformed to this _____**WORLD**". (Romans 12:2)

64. Did God approve of calling the kingdoms of this world by the name of Christ? _____**NO**

65. Must the kingdoms of this world give way to the Prince of peace and righteous rulers? (Isaiah 32:1; Revelation 11:15) _____**YES**

66. Have some who have named the name of Christ been attracted away from the heavenly kingdom? _____**YES**

67. The *fifth universal empire of earth* is the _____**KINGDOM** of God under Christ's _____**ADMINISTRATION** for the thousand years. (Daniel 7:14, 27)

68. The true saints of God should be on the side of the true _____**KINGDOM** of Christ. (Revelation 19:16)

69. Is the world fast coming to realize that the kingdoms of this world are not Christlike? _____**YES**

70. The kingdoms of this world will pass away with a great time of _____**TROUBLE** such as was not since there was a nation. (Daniel 12:1)

71. The Almighty God has the nations in _____**DERISION**. (Psalm 2:1-6; 10-12)