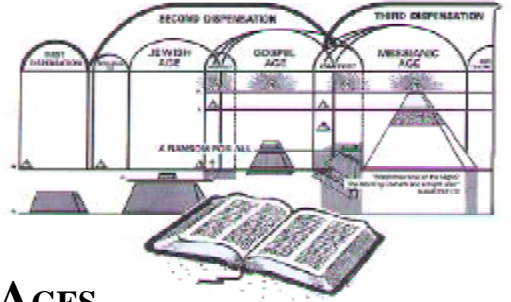


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## THE DIVINE PLAN OF THE AGES STUDY 14

### THE KINGDOMS OF GOD

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1. The Old Testament abounds with promises and \_\_\_\_\_ **PROPHECIES** in which the *kingdom of God* and its \_\_\_\_\_ **KING** (Messiah) figure as the very center. The hope of every Israelite was that God would exalt their \_\_\_\_\_ **NATION** under Messiah.

2. The announcement with which \_\_\_\_\_ **JOHN** the Baptist opened his mission was "Repent ye; for the \_\_\_\_\_ **KINGDOM** of heaven is at hand." (Matthew 3:2) Our Lord commenced his ministry with the same \_\_\_\_\_ **ANNOUNCEMENT**. (Matthew 4:17) The \_\_\_\_\_ **APOSTLES** were sent forth to preach the same message. (Matthew 10:7; Luke 9:2) The main topic of our Lord's ministry was the \_\_\_\_\_ **KINGDOM**. (Luke 8:1; 4:43; 19:11) The purpose of the majority of our Lord's parables was to illustrate the \_\_\_\_\_ **KINGDOM** and to point out entire \_\_\_\_\_ **CONSECRATION** to God as essential to a share in the *kingdom*.

3. The faithful \_\_\_\_\_ **FOLLOWERS** of our Lord will judge the 12 tribes of Israel. (Luke 22:29) The *little flock* is promised the \_\_\_\_\_ **KINGDOM**. (Luke 12:32) The disciples were sorely disappointed when our Lord was \_\_\_\_\_ **CRUCIFIED**. Jesus pointed out to the two disciples on the way to Emmaus that his \_\_\_\_\_ **SACRIFICE** was needful before the kingdom could be \_\_\_\_\_ **ESTABLISHED**.

4. God could have given Jesus the dominion of earth without redeeming \_\_\_\_\_ **MAN**. (Dan. 4:32) The blessings under such an arrangement would have been temporary since man was under condemnation to \_\_\_\_\_ **DEATH**. To make the blessings complete, it was necessary to \_\_\_\_\_ **RANSOM** mankind from death.

5. Jesus revived the hope of the disciples of a coming \_\_\_\_\_ **KINGDOM**. It was not then time for the disciples to know the times and seasons regarding the \_\_\_\_\_ **KINGDOM**. (Acts 1:6,7)

6. The two phases of the *kingdom* of God are \_\_\_\_\_ **HEAVENLY** and \_\_\_\_\_ **EARTHLY**. Jesus taught his disciples to \_\_\_\_\_ **PRAY** for the kingdom.

7. To the worldly-wise among the Jews, our Lord seemed an \_\_\_\_\_ **IMPOSTER**. They considered his disciples to be mere \_\_\_\_\_ **DUPES**. Our Lord's followers, for the most part, were from the humbler walks of \_\_\_\_\_ **LIFE**. The worldly-wise did not understand the teachings of \_\_\_\_\_ **JESUS** regarding the establishment of the \_\_\_\_\_ **KINGDOM**.

8. The \_\_\_\_\_ **PHARISEES** demanded: "When will this *kingdom* make its appearance?". (Luke 17:20-31) The spiritual phase of the kingdom, to which Jesus invited his followers to joint-heirship, is an invisible \_\_\_\_\_ **KINGDOM**. The one hope of our high calling is \_\_\_\_\_ **HEIRSHIP** in the spiritual phase of the kingdom.

9. Nicodemus probably came to Jesus by night because of the adverse public sentiment, especially among the \_\_\_\_\_ **PHARISEES**. (John 3)

10. The object of Nicodemus' visit was to inquire of what sort and when is this kingdom proclaimed by \_\_\_\_\_ **JESUS**.

11. A man has to be begotten of the spirit before he can be acquainted with the \_\_\_\_\_ **KINGDOM** of God. It is necessary to translate the \_\_\_\_\_ **GREEK** word *gennao*, by either begotten *or* born, according to the sense of the passage in which it occurs.

12. Is more light given without obedience? NO  
At the present, must one walk by faith? YES

13. NICODEMUS endeavored to understand the statements by Jesus regarding being begotten from above.

14. Jesus explained to Nicodemus that the nation of Israel was baptized into MOSES in the sea and in the cloud when they left EGYPT. Many in Israel had forgotten their covenant and were openly living as publicans and SINNERS. The keynote of John's preaching, as well as that of the disciples of Jesus was REPENTANCE. In addition to the reformation symbolized by John's BAPTISM, it was necessary to first be begotten of the spirit, and if faithful, be born of the spirit, before becoming a part of the spiritual KINGDOM.

15. That which is born of the flesh is FLESH. That which is born of the spirit is SPIRIT. We cannot see the wind, but we can see the EFFECTS of the wind. A human being cannot SEE one who has been born of the spirit.

16. NICODEMUS had difficulty understanding the subject of invisible beings.

17. Nicodemus should have realized that spirit beings can be *present*, yet INVISIBLE.

18. More light is given when one follows the light step by STEP. If one doesn't believe earthly things, can he understand heavenly things? NO  
A knowledge of the heavenly things can be understood after the begetting of the SPIRIT. The heavenly things themselves can be received when one is born of the SPIRIT.

19. For SEVEN years Israel was exclusively offered to share Messiah's kingdom. The offer of joint-heirship with Christ was then extended to the GENTILES.

20. Have serious errors regarding the kingdom been introduced into the nominal Christian church? YES  
Will God's will eventually be done on earth even as it is in heaven? YES

21. Those who accept Christ now render him grateful and voluntary OBEDIENCE. The prince of this world (Satan) supports a kingdom of DARKNESS. Only a few have FAITH in God's promises.

22. Christ's kingdom will eventually be "from sea to SEA, and from the river unto the ends of the EARTH" and all NATIONS will serve and obey him. (Psalm 72:8; Daniel 7:27; Phil. 2:10)

23. Is the establishment of the kingdom located at the time of the return of Christ? (Luke 19:11-15) YES  
Those faithful unto death will receive the crown of LIFE. (Revelation 2:10)

24. Does the kingdom of heaven now suffer violence at the hands of the world? YES  
At the first advent King Jesus was CRUCIFIED. Those who follow in the footsteps of Jesus experience PERSECUTION. Those who now faithfully suffer with Christ shall REIGN with him. (2 Timothy 2:12)

25. The heavenly Father has chosen the poor and despised to be HEIRS of the *kingdom* which he has promised. (James 2:5) Is it difficult for those with riches to enter into the kingdom of God? YES  
The apostle PETER exhorted the brethren to give diligence to make their calling and ELECTION sure. (2 Peter 1:10, 11)

26. The privileges of the kingdom, both now and in the future, consist of much greater blessings than liberty as to FOOD. (Romans 14:14-17)

27. Are the kingdom promises real? YES

28. Those who are more than overcomers will be given power over the NATIONS.

29. One may gain the kingdom honors by death in the SERVICE.

30. There were some in the early church who developed PRIDE. (1 Cor. 4:10-17) Present suffering and self-denial are the narrow path to glory, HONOR, immortality and joint-heirship in the KINGDOM. (2 Timothy 4:8)

31. Was it the mission of the church to conquer the world before our Lord's second advent? NO  
For centuries PAPACY crowned and uncrowned the kings of Europe.

32. Are many of the nominal members of the church *full* and *rich*? (Revelation 3:17, 18) YES  
Are these in the line of preparation for sharing in the *kingdom* which is set up at the second advent? NO

33. Jesus and the apostles taught that there can be no kingdom until the KING comes. (Revelation 3:21; 20:6; 2 Timothy 2:12)

34. When fully set up, the kingdom of God will consist of two parts—HEAVENLY and EARTHLY. Will the spiritual phase always be invisible to men? (John 1:18) YES  
Will the presence of the spiritual phase be mightily manifested, chiefly through its human representatives? YES

35. The overcoming \_\_\_**SAINTS** of the Gospel age (Head and body members) will constitute the spiritual phase of the kingdom. The Christ will be exalted to the \_\_\_\_\_**DIVINE** nature. (2 Peter 1:4; Revelation 20:6) The \_\_\_\_\_**SAINTS** will judge the world. (1 Corinthians 6:2) Can the ancient worthies from Abel down to and including John the Baptist be resurrected until all the saints are first resurrected? (Heb. 11:39, 40) \_\_\_**NO** Will the world of mankind have a standing before God, that is, live in the full sense of the word, until the end of the 1000 year reign of Christ? (Matt. 8:22; 2 Cor. 5:14) \_\_\_**NO**

36. Will the ancient worthies experience an instantaneous resurrection to perfection as men? (Heb. 11:35; Psalm 45:16) \_\_\_**YES** Will the world in general be gradually raised to perfection? \_\_\_**YES** Will men be able to see and mingle with the *princes* in the earthly phase of the kingdom? \_\_\_**YES**

37. In the course of time (after the earthly phase of the kingdom begins its operation) all mankind will be awakened from the sleep of \_\_\_\_\_**DEATH**. (John 5:28, 29) The \_\_\_\_\_**OBEDIENT** will then be restored to perfection. Will the ancient worthies do a noble work of elevating the race by sure and steady steps? \_\_\_**YES**

38. To gain a place in the earthly phase of the \_\_\_\_\_**KINGDOM** of God will be the gratification of every ambition of the perfect human heart. At the end of the thousand years, the great work of \_\_\_\_\_**RESTITUTION** will have been accomplished. Those who refuse to obey will be \_\_\_\_\_**DESTROYED**. (Acts 3:23) Will the work of the ancient worthies always be remembered by their fellow-men? (Psalm 112:6) \_\_\_**YES**

39. The Christ (Head and body members) will shine as the brightness of the \_\_\_\_\_**FIRMAMENT**. (Daniel 12:3; Matthew 13:43; Malachi 4:2)

40. God promised \_\_\_\_\_**ABRAHAM**: "In thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed." (Gen. 22:18) The sand upon the seashore pictured the \_\_\_\_\_**EARTHLY** class and the stars of \_\_\_\_\_**HEAVEN** pictured the heavenly class. The apostles were selected from the nation of \_\_\_\_\_**ISRAEL**.

41. The Gentiles have been invited to become a part of the spiritual seed of Abraham because of the unbelief of natural \_\_\_\_\_**ISRAEL**. (Rom. 11:17-20) Will the spiritual class be installed in office ahead of the earthly class? (Matthew 19:30) \_\_\_**YES**

42. Must the promise to Abraham regarding the land be yet fulfilled? (Gen. 13:14-17) \_\_\_**YES**

43. The Christ (Head and body members) must be complete before the earthly promises can be \_\_\_\_\_**FULFILLED**. (Heb. 11:13, 39, 40) It is necessary to give up the human nature in \_\_\_\_\_**SACRIFICE** in order to be a part of the spiritual seed of \_\_\_**ABRAHAM**. (Rom. 12:1; Gal. 3:29)

44. Will Jerusalem eventually be a praise in the whole earth? \_\_\_**YES** The nation of \_\_\_\_\_**ISRAEL** will be the first to come into harmony with the new order of things? (Isa. 1:26; Jer. 30:18) Will Israel's training under the law be of advantage? \_\_\_**YES**

45. Since Israel's national rejection, under the heavenly *high calling*, is there any difference between Jew and Gentile? \_\_\_**NO**

46. Are there some in Israel who have faith in the long unfulfilled promises? \_\_\_**YES**

47. Jerusalem will be the city of the great \_\_\_\_\_**KING**. (Matt. 5:35) God's kingdom is symbolized by the new \_\_\_\_\_**JERUSALEM**. (Rev. 21:2) The spiritual phase of the \_\_\_\_\_**KINGDOM** is gradually set up while the present empires are being consumed. (Dan. 2:44) The heavenly government is established upon the sure rock foundation of the \_\_\_\_\_**RIGHTEOUSNESS** of Christ. (1 Cor. 3:11)

48. Will blessings result to all who enter the glorious City of Peace? \_\_\_**YES** After the earthly phase of the kingdom begins its operation, the people may walk up to perfection and full harmony with God on the \_\_\_\_\_**HIGHWAY** of holiness. (Isa. 35:8)

49. Mankind will be admitted into membership in the kingdom of God when they reach perfection by the close of the \_\_\_**MILLENNIAL** age. Will any who would work deceit and unrighteousness become identified with that kingdom? (Rev. 21:24-26) \_\_\_**NO**

50. Many prophecies use \_\_\_\_\_**JERUSALEM** to refer to the kingdom of God to be established in great splendor.

51. The prophets speak in glowing terms concerning the future glory of the \_\_\_\_\_**EARTHLY** phase of the kingdom as represented in Jerusalem. (Isaiah 52:9; 65:18; 66:10-12; Jeremiah 3:17) Zion refers to the \_\_\_\_\_**SPIRITUAL** phase of the kingdom and Jerusalem refers to the \_\_\_\_\_**EARTHLY** phase of the kingdom. (Isaiah 2:3)

52. In one aspect Israel is typical of the whole world of \_\_\_\_\_**MANKIND**. Israel's Law covenant is typical of the \_\_\_**NEW** covenant.

53. The blood of atonement under Israel's covenant typified the \_\_\_**NEW** covenant. Israel's priesthood typified the \_\_\_**CHRIST**. The blessings will come to every \_\_\_**MAN**.

54. The nation of \_\_\_**ISRAEL** will be a firstfruit among the nations. All the families of the earth will be eventually \_\_\_**BLESSED**. (Romans 2:6, 10, 11)

55. Israel as a people did not obtain the chief place in the divine favor and service because of pride and \_\_\_**HARDNESS** of heart and unbelief. Do most of the Gentiles also fail to obtain the heavenly prize? \_\_\_**YES** Only a *little flock* will make up the body of \_\_\_**CHRIST**. (Luke 12:32)

56. Have some from natural Israel (natural branches) been grafted in again into the good olive tree? (Romans 11:23, 24) \_\_\_**YES**

57. Will God's gifts, callings, covenants, and promises be turned aside unfulfilled? \_\_\_**NO** (Romans 11:29) Israel will be used by the Christ, after the earthly phase of the kingdom begins its operation, as the agency in blessing the \_\_\_**WORLD**. At the first advent, natural \_\_\_**ISRAEL** was given the first offer of the spiritual favors. The glorious Deliverer (Head and body) will turn away ungodliness from \_\_\_**JACOB**. (Romans 11:26)

58. Blindness in some measure has happened to \_\_\_**ISRAEL** until the *little flock* (selected from both Jews and Gentiles) is complete. (Rom. 11:25-33) In due time, the \_\_\_**DELIVERER** shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob.

59. "He who hath clean hands and a pure heart" shall ascend into the \_\_\_**KINGDOM** of God. (Psalm 24:3, 4)

60. The two parts of Jerusalem symbolized the one *kingdom* of God with its \_\_\_**TWO** phases.

61. Those invited to become members of the Royal Priesthood are exhorted to \_\_\_**PURITY**. One who has the hope of joint-heirship with Christ must \_\_\_**PURIFY** himself. (1 John 3:3) Christ's imputed purity compensates for our unavoidable \_\_\_**WEAKNESSES**. (Romans 8:1,4)

62. Entire \_\_\_**CONSECRATION** to God is essential to all those who would enter into either phase of the kingdom of God. The overcomers of the Millennial age must strive for purity of heart and \_\_\_**LIFE**.

63. Will everyone be pleased at the time Christ opens the highway of holiness? \_\_\_**NO** Will liberty

to deceive, misrepresent, to overreach and defraud then be entirely cut off? \_\_\_**YES** After the earthly phase of the kingdom begins its operation, nothing will be allowed to injure and \_\_\_**DESTROY**. (Isa. 11:9) Will Christ rule with a rod of iron (that is, with firmness)? \_\_\_**YES** (Rev. 2:26, 27; Psa. 2:8-12) Will every hidden thing be revealed? (Isaiah 28:17; Matthew 10:26) \_\_\_**YES**

64. A present life of self-indulgence and gratification will require \_\_\_**STRIPES** when the earthly phase of the kingdom begins its operation. (Luke 12:47, 48; Psalm 89:32) Will the living generation receive this lesson first? (James 5:1-6) \_\_\_**YES**

65. Is sin a reproach to any people? \_\_\_**YES** (Psalm 11:7) Does Jesus hate iniquity? \_\_\_**YES** (Hebrews 1:9) The disobedient who refuse to accept and obey Jesus will be cut off from among the people in the \_\_\_**SECOND** death? (Acts 3:23)

66. The Almighty Creator will establish his kingdom in the hands of \_\_\_**CHRIST** during the Millennium. Christ will reign until he has put all \_\_\_**ENEMIES** under his feet. (1 Cor. 15:25) At the end of the thousand year reign of Christ, the \_\_\_**KINGDOM** will be turned over to the heavenly Father. (1 Corinthians 15:24, 28)

67. When the kingdom is delivered up to the heavenly Father, men will be capable of rendering perfect \_\_\_**OBEDIENCE**.

68. Until actually \_\_\_**PERFECT**, it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. (Heb. 10:31) Restored mankind will be in perfect \_\_\_**HARMONY** with the heavenly Father at the time the kingdom is delivered up to him. (1 Cor. 15:24)

69. When Christ, at the end of the Millennial age, delivers up the kingdom to the Father, he does so by delivering it to \_\_\_**MANKIND** as the Father's representatives. (1 Corinthians 15:24; Matthew 25:34) Will the kingdom of God last forever? \_\_\_**YES**

70. Will the Christ, Head and body members, have a higher kingdom and honor than that of the world of mankind? \_\_\_**YES** No doubt, wondrous works in other \_\_\_**WORLDS** await the highly exalted agent (the Christ) of the heavenly Father.

71. The desire of all \_\_\_**NATIONS** is the kingdom of peace. (Haggai 2:7) Should we continue to pray for the incoming kingdom? \_\_\_**YES** The groaning creation is ignorantly waiting for the manifestation of the \_\_\_**SONS** of God. (Rom. 8:19; 16:20)