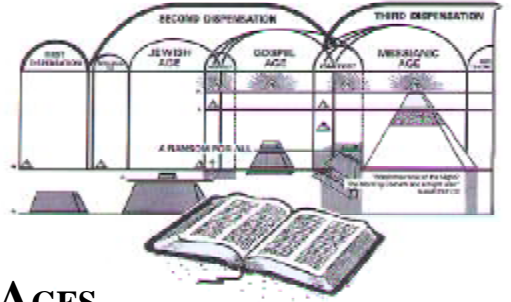


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THE DIVINE PLAN OF THE AGES STUDY 15

THE DAY OF JEHOVAH

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1. The name of that period of time in which God's kingdom under Christ is gradually set up in the earth, while the _____ **KINGDOMS** of this world are passing away and Satan's power and influence over men are being bound, is called the day of _____ **JEHOVAH**. (Daniel 2:44; Rev. 20:1, 2) During this period of time there is a time of trouble such as never was since there was a _____ **NATION**. Never again will there be such _____ **TROUBLE**. (Daniel 12:1; Matthew 24:21, 22)

2. The General of Jehovah is _____ **CHRIST**. (Psa. 2:4-8) Before the lease to the Gentiles expired, the God of heaven set up a _____ **KINGDOM**, as represented in our returned Lord and the resurrected saints. (Daniel 2:44) After the earthly phase of the kingdom begins its operation, all will begin to serve and obey the _____ **KING** of kings. (Daniel 7:9, 13, 14, 22, 27) When Adamic death has been destroyed, the kingdom will be turned over to the _____ **FATHER**. (1 Corinthians 15:24-28)

3. The Day of Jehovah is also called the day of _____ **VENGEANCE** of our God, and also a day of _____ **WRATH**. (Isa. 61:2; 63:1-4; Psa. 110:5) God's counsel to mankind has been continually rejected by all except a _____ **FEW**. (Rom. 1:28) Hardness of heart and unbelief prevented natural _____ **ISRAEL** from receiving Messiah at the first advent. (Rom. 11:20)

4. The true church during the Gospel age has borne witness to the civilized world of the difference between right and _____ **WRONG** and of the time when the one will be rewarded and the other _____ **PUNISHED**. (John 16:8-11; Acts 24:25)

A great time of trouble is now occurring in the world since the majority have neglected to heed the Lord's _____ **INSTRUCTION**. (Daniel 12:1)

5. During the Gospel age, God's message to the church by Paul is: "Present your bodies a living _____ **SACRIFICE**." (Romans 12:1) God's message to the world is: "Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile; depart from _____ **EVIL** and do good; seek _____ **PEACE** and pursue it." (Psalm 34:13, 14) The world has heeded the voice of _____ **AVARICE**. Briefly summed up, God's law is: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy _____ **HEART** and thy _____ **NEIGHBOR** as thyself." (Matt. 22:37-39) The trouble is coming as reaping after _____ **SOWING**.

6. The carnal or depraved mind has always been _____ **SELFISH** and grasping. In due time, the selfish, stony hearts of those who become obedient will become hearts of _____ **FLESH**. (Ezekiel 36:26)

7. Our condemned parents, after being exiled from Eden, were met at once with _____ **THORNS** and sterile _____ **GROUND**. (Genesis 3:16-19) _____ **SUSTENANCE** has become the principal aim and interest of life. _____ **MAMMOM** has become the master of men.

8. During past ages the wealth of the world was in the hands of the _____ **RULERS; FEW**. At the present, through modern facilities and inventions, the wealth of the world is no longer in the hands of its _____ **KINGS**, but chiefly among the _____ **PEOPLE**.

9. An aristocracy exists which has both money and _____ **EDUCATION** to back it.

10. Do some of the poor feel that were they wealthy, they would be very benevolent? YES
Do these evidently deceive themselves? YES

11. Hospitals, libraries, and various other enterprises owe their existence to the kindhearted and benevolent among the RICH.

12. Is there an opposition between the wealthy and the laboring classes? YES Presently there is anarchy in many parts of the WORLD. Is the worst government vastly better than no government? YES

13. *Egypt* represents the WORLD. *Babylon* represents the nominal CHURCH, called Christendom. *Israel* often represents the whole world in its JUSTIFIED condition, as it will be—its glorious royal priesthood, its holy Levites, and its believing and worshiping people, justified by the sacrifice of the atonement and RECONCILED with God. Blessings are promised to ISRAEL. *Egypt* receives the PLAGUES. A complete and everlasting overthrow will be the lot of strong BABYLON. (Revelation 18:21)

14. The apostle James points out the differences between *capital* and LABOR. (James 5:1-4) At the present time, men's hearts are failing them for FEAR. (Luke 21:26) The anarchy, already raging in many parts of the WORLD, will get worse before divine intervention. (Ezekiel 7:10-19)

15. The complete overthrow of the nation of Israel in the harvest of the Jewish age was a type of a still more extensive trouble in the harvest of the Gospel age upon nominal CHRISTENDOM.

16. There will be a great overthrow of wealth and POWER in this time of trouble. The trouble involves all classes and brings DISTRESS upon all the multitude. (Zeph. 1:7-9; 14-18; Rev. 19:17)

17. The seventh symbolic TRUMPET sounds not only throughout this day of trouble, but until the end of the Millennial age. The destruction destroys many of the wealthy in the sense that they will cease to be WEALTHY, though doubtless it will also involve the loss of many lives of all classes.

18. A pure LANGUAGE will be turned to the people after divine intervention stops the great time of trouble. (Zephaniah 3:8, 9)

19. Is the fire of Zephaniah 3:8 *symbolic*? YES It is evident that the fire is not *literal* since the PEOPLE remain after it.

20. Throughout the scriptures, *earth*, when used symbolically, represents SOCIETY; *mountains* represent KINGDOMS; *heavens* represent the powers of SPIRITUAL control; *seas*, the RESTLESS, turbulent, dissatisfied masses of the world; *fire* represents the DESTRUCTION of whatever is burned; and when *brimstone* is added to *fire* in the symbol, it intensifies the thought of DESTRUCTION.

21. Did the literal earth and heavens pass away at the time of the flood? (2 Peter 3:6, 7) NO

22. The heavens (present powers of the air, of which Satan is the PRINCE) are now passing away with a great noise, and the elements are melting with fervent HEAT. The earth (social organizations) and the works (PRIDE, rank, aristocracy, and royalty) are being burned up. (2 Pet. 3:10-13) The NEW heavens (the new spiritual power—Christ's kingdom) and a NEW earth (earthly society organized on the basis of love and justice) will replace the second heavens and the second earth.

23. Were the apostles used as God's mouthpieces to predict things to come? YES Our Lord is now serving *meat in due season* to the household of FAITH by the faithful and wise servant. (Matthew 24:45-47) The Revelation of Jesus Christ was given to him by GOD. (Revelation 1:1)

24. Will *pride* eventually be consumed? (Malachi 4:1; Proverbs 16:18; Revelation 20:9) YES

25. Is there hope of pulling some of the *proud* of the present time out of the consuming *fire*? (Jude 23) YES

26. The prospective members of the royal priesthood now being PURIFIED. (Malachi 3:1-3)

27. The *fire* which tries a spiritual work is SYMBOLIC. (1 Corinthians 3:12-15) This *fire* will be powerless to DESTROY the faith-and-character structure built with the GOLD, silver, and precious stones of divine truth, and founded upon the RANSOM. (2 Peter 1:5-11)

28. One's reward will be in proportion to his FAITHFULNESS in making use of the truth in the development of true character—putting on the whole ARMOR of God. Those who wilfully reject our Lord after coming to a knowledge of the truth will die the SECOND death. (Heb. 6:4-8; 10:26-21)

29. The inauguration of the Law Covenant was typical of the introduction of the NEW covenant at the opening of the Millennial age. (Heb. 12:24-29)

Are various symbols such as *fire*, *storm*, *clouds*, and *darkness* used to describe this day of *trouble*? (Psa. 50:3; 97:2-6) YES The Sun of Righteousness will BLESS and heal the sick and dying but redeemed world. (Malachi 4:2; Matthew 13:43)

30. God, through the prophet David, foretold much concerning Jesus at his first ADVENT and also gives vivid descriptions of the present day of TROUBLE by which Christ's glorious reign is introduced. God is the STRENGTH of those who have fully consecrated. (Psalm 46:1-5) After the old order is removed, the new earth (new order and arrangement of society) will exalt God and his LAW, as over and controlling all. (Psalm 110:2-6; 46:6-10)

31. The book of Revelation contains much *symbolic* LANGUAGE such as *storm*, *fire*, etc. The symbolic *fire* does not *literally* burn up the EARTH. At the time our Lord took his great power to reign, the nations became ANGRY. (Rev. 11:17, 18)

32. The lake of fire is symbolic of the second DEATH. (Revelation 19:20; 20:14) Current events indicate that Satan is struggling as his power and influence over some are being BOUND. (Revelation 20:1-3) Are the *battle* and *winepress* figures of Revelation in harmony with words of Joel and Isaiah? (Joel 2:9-16; Isaiah 13:1-11) YES

33. Will the human race be exterminated? (Matt. 24:22) NO Are the numbers of anarchists and discontents increasing? YES

34. The wealthy feel that they have a right to purchase LABOR and every commodity as LOW as they can.

35. The artisan and the LABORER see that labor enjoys many advantages today above any other day, but as they note current events, they see the danger of being carried as low as ever, or lower.

36. The controversy between the wealthy and the laborers will be solved after the earthly phase of the KINGDOM begins its operation.

37. Have the many inventions provided a temporary demand for labor? YES

38. Are agricultural implements producing more food with less laborers? YES

39. Over-production causes idleness occasionally to both CAPITAL and labor.

40. Wage-workers endeavor to obtain their goals by LEGISLATION, if possible, *or* by lawlessness.

41. Would shorter working hours for laborers, thus enabling more laborers to work, solve the problem? NO Do many people pay high interest rates thus increasing the wealth of the rich? YES

42. The artisan feels that the time has come for the masses of the PEOPLE to share more evenly the blessings of this day of blessings. Are the great corporations becoming masters of the people? YES

43. The masses of the people desire to protect their own RIGHTS and those of their children by putting reasonable bounds upon those whose wealth and power might otherwise crush them.

44. Will men in their present condition observe the golden rule—"Do unto others as you would that they should do to you?" NO

45. Selfishness and BLINDNESS to all except their own interests are the natural causes of the great time of trouble. Will the kingdoms (governments) eventually be swept away by the restless masses of mankind? YES Are the nominal churches being drawn more and more to the side of the governments and the wealthy? YES

46. The trouble in the earth today is preparing men to realize that their plans will prove FUTILE so long as selfishness is in control. Men will eventually realize that a strong and righteous government (the kingdom of Christ introduced by the chastisements of this day of trouble) will ACCOMPLISH their desires. (Ezekiel 11:19; 36:25, 36; Jeremiah 31:29-34; Zephaniah 3:9; Psalm 46:8-10)

47. The meek are exhorted to seek the LORD, and to seek RIGHTEOUSNESS and meekness. (Zephaniah 2:3) Those seeking righteousness and rejoicing in meekness, during the time of trouble, will have many ADVANTAGES over others.

48. The apostle Paul wrote that the trouble would come in spasms "as TRAVAIL upon a woman...". (1 Thes. 5:3) The birth of the new order will bring RELIEF. Righteousness will begin to prevail in the earth as soon as divine intervention stops the TROUBLE. (2 Peter 3:13)

49. Society's physicians undertake repressive measures, but they will not long delay the BIRTH; their malpractice will hasten the DEATH of the old order. The old order will die in the labor of bringing forth the NEW.

50. The widespread anarchy of the present time will increase, and the time of trouble foretold by the PROPHETS will reach a climax (*total* anarchy).

Jesus, after prophesying that the great tribulation would come at the beginning of his second presence, but would be terminated before all _____**FLESH** is destroyed, added the assurance: “no, nor ever shall be” afterward. (Matt. 24:21, 22)

51. The deliverance of Israel from Egypt and from the plagues which came upon the Egyptians seems to illustrate the emancipation of the _____**WORLD** at the hands of the greater than _____**MOSES** (the Christ). (Exodus 5:4-23; 12:30-33) The great earthquake of Revelation 16:17-20 is symbolic of _____**REVOLUTION**.

52. The great time of trouble is located chronologically in the beginning of the glorious Millennial _____**REIGN** of Messiah.

53. Making a living with the sweat of the brow keeps man from getting into _____**TROUBLE**. (Genesis 3:19) Now that the curse has begun to be lifted, much evil and _____**TROUBLE** result.

54. If the inventions and knowledge prophesied by Daniel (chapter 12:4) had come sooner than they did, the great time of _____**TROUBLE** would have resulted sooner.

55. From the outstart of the age of restitution, mankind is enjoying many _____**CONVENIENCES**.

56. Is the trouble giving mankind needed lessons? YES Those seeking meekness will not feel the same anxiety and hopeless _____**DREAD** that is over-spreading the world. (Psalm 91; Isaiah 33:2; 15, 16)

57. The duty of the saints at the present time is to be hopeful, CHEERFUL, and always rejoicing.

58. The chief ailment among all worldly classes is _____**DISCONTENT**. The desires of a selfish _____**DEPRAVED** heart know no bounds.

59. Should the saints take part in the struggle for wealth? NO

60. The ambition of the _____**SAINTS** is turned *heavenward*.

61. Have some of the saints left the footsteps of the Lord to cast their lot to obtain earthly things? YES

62. The saints should strive for the higher riches and the _____**PEACE** they do afford. Godliness with *contentment* is great _____**GAIN**. (1 Tim. 6:6-12; Philippians 4:11; Hebrews 13:5; Luke 3:14)

63. The saints should inform the meek regarding the real cause of the present trouble and the only _____**REMEDY**.

64. The consecrated should encourage those willing to hear to be _____**CONTENT** with what they have and to wait patiently for the earthly phase of the kingdom to begin its operation.

65. The feet members of Christ should be preaching the good tidings of the _____**RANSOM** for all and the consequent blessing to come to ALL. (Isaiah 52:7)

66. The ones following in the footsteps of the Master should assure the meek that when the judgments of the Lord are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn _____**RIGHTEOUSNESS**. (Isaiah 26:9)

67. Should the Lord’s children have sympathy with the arrogant, insatiate desires and endeavors of any class? NO One finds the solution to the social and political questions in the WORD of God. The fully consecrated are to proclaim the *heavenly kingdom* at hand as the only _____**REMEDY** for all classes, and their only hope.