



THE DIVINE PLAN OF THE AGES

STUDY 3

A DIVINE REVELATION

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- ◆ **BEFORE** filling in the blanks, please prayerfully **study** the 52 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 4** will be sent when you have completed this lesson.

1. The **BIBLE** is the torch of civilization and liberty. Is the Bible often unintentionally and woefully misrepresented by its friends? **YES** Men misrepresent the Bible by claiming its support to their misconceptions of its truth received through the **TRADITIONS** of their fathers. (Jeremiah 7:31; 1 Cor. 15:28) Those seeking to do God's will should search the **SCRIPTURES** daily. (Acts 17:11)

2. The reasonable, thinking mind will **EXAMINE** what is claimed to be the divine revelation. The Bible claims to be the revelation from **GOD** . (2 Timothy 3:16,17)

3. The **BIBLE** is the oldest book in existence. The enemies of the Bible have hidden it, **BURNED** it, made it a crime to have it, and have **PERSECUTED** those who have faith in it. Has the Bible been translated into every major language of earth? **YES** Who has been the preserver of the Bible? (Isa. 46:10) **JEHOVAH/GOD**

4. Has the moral influence of the Bible been uniformly good? (James 4:17) **YES** Does the Bible bring joy, peace and blessing to those who read it? (Psalm 119:165) **YES** Does one have to study the Bible with care in order to understand? (Isaiah 55:8) **YES**

5. **JESUS** is the one prominent character of the Bible. (Acts 4:10-12) Does history record the life of a man called Jesus of Nazareth? **YES** Except for Luke (the physician) and the apostle Paul, were the writers of the New Testament personal acquaintances of Jesus? **YES**

6. The writers of the New Testament had **PURE** motives. (2 Timothy 1:3; 3:15) These writers espoused the cause of **JESUS** , after his death, because they loved him. (1 John 1:3,4)

7. The writers of the New Testament espoused the cause of Jesus, not for present **GRATIFICATION** , but in order to **ELEVATE** their fellow man. (Acts 20:33-35) Is the testimony of such men worthy of consideration? (Acts 20:27) **YES** Were these writers faithful? (1 Cor. 4:1,2; Acts 24:16; 1 John 1:3) **YES**

8. The writers of the Old Testament were notable for their **FIDELITY** to the Lord. (Heb. 11:32,39,40) The **WEAKNESSES** and shortcomings of these individuals were recorded as well as their virtues and **FAITHFULNESS** . (1 Samuel 17:45-47; 2 Samuel 12:13,14)

9. If we have faith that the Bible is a revelation of God's will and plan, should we examine it? (Acts 17:11) **YES**

10. Are some books in the Bible carefully kept *histories* of facts known to the writers? **YES** Good men will tell the **TRUTH** . (Acts 20:27) Will a pure fountain give forth bitter waters? (James 3:11) **NO**

11. The Hebrew scriptures contain **HISTORY** , as well as the **LAW** and the **PROPHECIES** . Was it important to the writers of the Old Testament to record many items, such as genealogies (family histories), which we might consider not so important today? **YES** The ruling king of Israel was to come from the tribe of **JUDAH** . (Gen. 49:10)

12. Does the Bible anywhere countenance impurity? (Proverbs 2:22; Titus 1:15, 16) NO

13. The first five books of the Bible are known as the books of MOSES. Is it reasonable to assume that Moses was responsible for the recording of these? YES Who led the Hebrew nation out of Egypt? (Exodus 3:10-12) MOSES

14. Is Chinese history of creation reliable? NO The Genesis account begins with a Creator who already EXISTED. (Gen 1:1; Psalm 90:1,2) Did the earth have a beginning? YES How many epoch days (each 7000 years long) were needed to prepare the earth for man? (Gen. 1:3-31)

6 (SIX) Were the writings of Moses inspired? YES

15. Are the laws today based upon the principles laid down in the Mosaic Law? (Deut 19:21) YES

16. Is the Decalogue (the Ten Commandments) a brief summary of the whole law? YES Only a FEW recognize the greatness of the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments were given to the HEBREWS. (Exodus 20:1, 2) The Ten Commandments teach men of their need of a RANSOM (Psalm 49:7; Rom. 3:10) Jesus summed up the Ten Commandments with "Thou shalt LOVE the Lord thy God with all thy heart..." and "Thou shalt LOVE thy neighbor as thyself. (Mark 12:30,31)

17. The government instituted by Moses claimed to be of GOD. (Exodus 20:1-3; 35:1) The heavenly Father's presence was shown in the MOST HOLY of the Tabernacle. (Isa. 37:16) An order of PRIESTS had charge of the Tabernacle. (Exodus 28:1, 40, 41) Were the rights and privileges of the priests limited? (Exodus 28:43; 30:19-21) YES

18. Was the meek Moses an autocrat in power and authority? (Exodus 33:12-15) YES The laws of Israel were given by GOD through MOSES. (Ex. 34:1; Deut. 5:1-5) How many elders in Israel were gathered to assist Moses in his burden of the people? (Numbers 11:16,17; Exodus 18:13-26) 70

19. Did Moses introduce to the people a form of government calculated to cultivate the spirit of liberty? (Leviticus 25:10) YES Did Moses work to centralize the government in himself and his family? (Deuteronomy 9:12-14, 26) NO Cases which were too hard for the judges were brought to MOSES. (Deuteronomy 1:17)

20. The republican form of civil government over Israel continued for over 400 years. (Acts 13:18-20)

Did the heavenly Father approve of the change from the republican form of civil government to that of a kingdom? (1 Samuel 8:6-22) NO

21. Moses delivered the honor and power of the civil government to the ELDERS (chiefs).

22. After the death of Moses, the hard cases were brought to the LORD through the HIGH PRIEST. (Nehemiah 7:65; Numbers 27:21) Were the questions answered by the Urim and Thummim? (Exodus 28:30; 1 Samuel 28:6) YES

23. Do the facts indicate that knavish priests did not write the first five book of the Bible? YES

24. Under the laws given by Moses, both the RICH and poor were provided for. (Deuteronomy 4:41-43; 24:14-21) A JUBILEE was to occur every 50 years. (Leviticus 25:10) Restitution means to RESTORE (Acts 3:19-21)

25. The priests read the laws to the people at the SEPTENNIAL festivals. (Deut. 31:10-13)

26. Was the Mosaic law many centuries ahead of its time? YES Were enemies and strangers to be treated in a fair and just manner? YES (Exodus 12:49; Lev. 24:22; Lev. 19:33,34; Exodus 23:4,5)

27. Was cruelty to the dumb animals prohibited? (Deuteronomy 25:4; 22:10) YES

28. The priests were supported by the TITHE (Hebrews 7:5; Leviticus 27:30-34) Is this misrepresented by a modern priesthood? YES

29. When Israel came into Canaan, the Levites received no share of the LAND. (Deut. 12:12, 19) The Levites resided in CITIES (villages) scattered among the various tribes. (Joshua 21:3) Was the tithe a voluntary matter? YES Were the people exhorted to support the Levites? (Deuteronomy 12:19; 14:27) YES

30. Would selfish and ambitious priests arrange to make themselves dependent upon their brethren? (Numbers 18:26; Deuteronomy 18:1,2) NO

31. Was a special provision made to honor the priesthood? NO Was the *common law* the only protection for the priests? (Leviticus 4:3) YES Was there provision for strangers, widows, and the fatherless, etc.? (Ex. 22:21-24; Lev. 19:32-34) YES

32. Were the *sanitary* arrangements of the law remarkable? (Leviticus 22:5-8) YES Was the law a remarkable display of wisdom and justice? (Leviticus 22:31-33; Numbers 35:22-25) YES

33. The Almighty God is JUST, wise, and LOVING. (Deut. 8:7-10; 32:4)

Were the laws of Moses *or* of God? ___**GOD** (Deuteronomy 1:3) Are the Sacred writings pure to this day? ___**YES**___

34. Most of the prophets were *not* from the _____**PRIESTLY**__ class. The burden of the message of the prophets was _____**REPROOF**___ for sin, warnings of coming _____**PUNISHMENTS**___, and sometimes promises of future _____**BLESSINGS**_. (Isa. 1:3,4; 35:10) The prophets were _____**REVILED**___, and many were imprisoned and put to violent deaths. (Hebrews 11:32-38) Every man who saw the law violated was to _____**REPROVE**___ the sinner. (Leviticus 19:17) Did many fulfill this requirement of the law? ___**NO**___ The term prophet signifies public _____**EXPOUNDER**_____. (1 Corinthians 14:1-6)

35. Instead of teaching God's commandments, the Pharisees taught the _____**TRADITIONS**____ of the ancients. (Matthew 15:2-9)

36. The Old Testament _____**PROPHETS**___ wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

37. The prophets reproved kings, judges, and _____**PRIESTS**____ when they were disobedient. (2 Samuel 12:7)

38. Is there one common line of thought interwoven throughout the Law and the Prophets and the New Testament writings? ___**YES**___ These writings cover a period of _____**1500**___ years.

39. The opening pages of the Bible record the creation and _____**FALL**___ of man. (Genesis 1, 2, 3) The closing pages tell of his _____**RECOVERY**___ from the fall. (Revelation 20, 21, 22) Satan started his deceptions when he deceived _____**EVE**_. Will Satan be destroyed at the conclusion of the little season following the Messianic age? (Heb. 2:14) ___**YES**___ The Christ (Head and body members) will accomplish the _____**RESTITUTION**___ of all the willing and obedient. (Acts 3:19-21; Deuteronomy 18:15)

40. Does the Bible answer the question, "Why is evil permitted"? (Psalm 76:10) ___**YES**___ Exceeding _____**GREAT**___ and _____**PRECIOUS**___ promises have been given to God's people to strengthen them. (2 Peter 1:4)

41. Will the *seed* of the woman eventually crush out evil? (Genesis 3:15) ___**YES**___ The necessity of a Redeemer was pointed out in the clothing of _____**SKINS**____ for Adam and Eve, the offerings of Abel, _____**ISAAC**___ on the altar, and the death of the various _____**SACRIFICES**_. (Genesis 3:21; 4:4; 22:10; Leviticus 16:11) The prophet Isaiah pictured our

Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ as "**DESPISED** and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with _____**GRIEF**____". (Isaiah 53:3-6) In a few words, state what the following prophets prophesied regarding our Lord's experiences:

Micah 5:2 _____**WHERE HE SHOULD BE BORN**___

Daniel 9:26 _____**HE WOULD DIE, BUT NOT FOR HIMSELF**___

Zechariah 11:12 _____**BETRAYED FOR 30 PIECES OF SILVER**___

Psalms 34:20 _____**NO BONES BROKEN**____

Psalms 16:10 _____**HIS SOUL WOULD NOT REMAIN IN HELL**___

42. Does the New Testament record the fulfillment of the above prophecies? (Matt. 2:6; 1 Tim. 2:3-6; Matthew 26:15; John 19:33; Acts 2:31) ___**YES**___ Was the ransom price needed? (1 Tim. 2:3-6) ___**YES**___ The _____**BLOOD**___ of our Redeemer makes the sins of one *white as snow*. (Isaiah 1:18)

43. The Christ (Head and body members) is the *deliverer* greater than _____**MOSES**_. (Acts 3:22; Deut. 18:15,19) The nation of _____**ISRAEL**___ will be used by the *deliverer* to bless all the families of the earth. (Gen. 22:18; 26:4; Zech. 8:23) Will the Gentiles be enlightened in due time? (Isa. 49:6; 40:5; 42:1-7) ___**YES**___

44. Did the New Testament writers come in under the one anointing of the Spirit? (Matthew 3:16; Acts 2:1,2) ___**YES**___ The *little flock* is selected from the Jews and the _____**GENTILES**_. (John 1:11,12; Acts 15:14) Those found _____**WORTHY**___ will be heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ. (Romans 8:16,17)

45. The *good tidings of great joy* will in due time reach _____**ALL**___ people. (Luke 2:10)

46. Ransom and _____**RESTITUTION**___ is the theme of all the prophets. (Acts 3:18-21) We should pray "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in _____**EARTH**___, as it is in heaven." (Matt. 6:9,10; Rev 21:2-4)

47. Does the hope of the incoming kingdom give the faithful ones courage to endure persecution? (Romans 8:34-39) ___**YES**___ Adamic _____**DEATH**___ will be destroyed as a result of the Millennial reign of Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:26) Satan will be *destroyed* (not preserved) at the end of the *little season* which follows the Millennial _____**AGE**_. (Hebrews 2:14)

48. A future life for the dead will come through a _____**RESURRECTION**____. (1 Cor. 15:12, 20) The _____**RESURRECTION**___ of the dead occurs *in the morning* (Millennial age). (Psalm 49:14) Did the prophets teach the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead? (Isaiah 35:10; Psalm 90:3) _____**YES**___ Paul taught the doctrine of the _____**RESURRECTION**___ of the dead. (1 Corinthians 15)

49. Are all parts of the Bible necessary? (Revelation 22:19) __YES__ Do some theologians of the present day deny the *miracles* of the Old Testament? (2 Timothy 2:16-18; 3:14, 15) __YES__ Give scriptures where *miracles* of the Old Testament are mentioned in the New Testament:
Balaam and the speaking ass: __JUDE 11__
2 PETER 2:16
Noah and the flood: __LUKE 17:26__
1 PETER 3:20; MATTHEW 24:38,39
Jonah and the great fish: __MATTHEW 12:40__.
Some of the miracles performed by Jesus were the turning of water into __WINE__, the healing of **DISEASES**, and the awakening of the __DEAD. (John 2:1-11; Luke 4:40; 8:49-54)

50. Do the miracles around us grow common to us? __YES__ Will evil eventually be exterminated and righteousness prevail? (Revelation 21:4) __YES__

51. The *attributes* of God are __JUSTICE__, wisdom, __LOVE__, and __POWER__. The revelation of God's plan is found in the __BIBLE__. (Proverbs 29:18) When rightly divided, is the Bible harmonious? (2 Timothy 2:15) __YES__

52. Does the depth, power, wisdom, and scope of the Bible's testimony convince us that God, not man, is the author of its plans and revelations? (Ephesians 3:14-19; Romans 11:33) __YES__ Is the light in this *dawning* of the Millennial day enlightening those who have faith in the Bible? (Revelation 3:20) __YES__