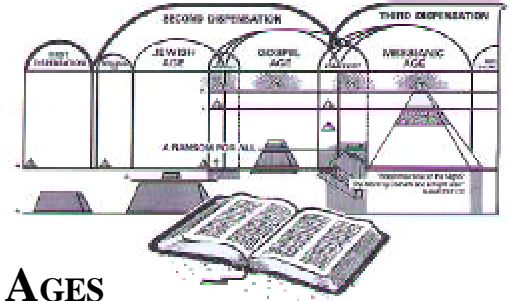




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## THE DIVINE PLAN OF THE AGES

### STUDY 6 OUR LORD'S RETURN

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- ◆ Return your answers to us. **PLEASE ENCLOSE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE.** Our Canadian and International friends may make special arrangements for the postage.
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- ◆ **STUDY 7** will be sent when you have completed this lesson.

1. Jesus taught his disciples that he would COME again. (John 14:3) Jesus has been with his disciples throughout the Gospel age by his SPIRIT and his WORD. (Matthew 28:20) When our Lord said, "I will come again.", he referred to a second PERSONAL presence.

2. The book of Revelation was written 60 years after Pentecost, and 26 years after the destruction of JERUSALEM. Did our Lord, through John, indicate that his second presence was future from that time? YES (Rev. 22:12, 20)

3. Are all sinners converted before the second coming of our Lord? NO Only a "LITTLE FLOCK" is now being selected. (Luke 12:32)

4. PERILOUS times are prevalent in the last days of the second dispensation. (2 Timothy 3:1-4) Are evil men at the present waxing worse and worse? YES Our Lord's special warning to the *little flock* was to take HEED. (Luke 21:34, 35) Do all kindreds of the earth wail at the beginning of our Lord's second presence? YES (Rev. 1:7)

5. Some set the time of our Lord's coming a long way off because they think it is the mission of the Church to CONVERT the world first. Is it God's plan for the church to convert the world before the second coming of our Lord? NO

6. The purpose of Christ's reign is to CONVERT the world. (1 Corinthians 15:25) The reward of the over-coming church is to share in this REIGN. (2 Tim. 2:12; Revelation 3:21; 20:4) The world of mankind will be blessed by the CHRIST (Head and body). (Genesis 22:18; Revelation 22:17)

7. Does witnessing to the world imply converting them? (Matthew 24:14) NO The report of Bible Societies in *1861* was that the BIBLE had been printed in every [major] LANGUAGE of the earth. Have all the people of the world accepted the Gospel? NO

8. The main object of the GOSPEL age is to take out a people for Christ's name. (Acts 15:14) This bride is united with our Lord at his SECOND advent.

9. The throne of God refers to his supreme AUTHORITY and RULERSHIP. The heavenly Father highly exalted JESUS and gave him a name above every name (the Father excepted). (Philippians 2:9) Does *right hand* in Psalm 110:1 refer to power, rulership, and authority and not to a fixed locality? YES Does our Lord come to *subdue all things unto himself*? YES (Phil. 3:21) JOSEPH was at the right hand of Pharaoh in the kingdom of Egypt. Our Lord will remain on the right hand of power during the Millennial age and FOREVER. (Matt. 26:64)

10. The specific work of the first advent of Jesus was to REDEEM man. (1 Timothy 2:5,6) The work of the second advent is to RESTORE and BLESS mankind. (Acts 3:19-21) To be accounted worthy of becoming the bride of Christ, the consecrated must OVERCOME the influences of this present evil world. (Rom. 8:37) All the families of the earth will begin to be BLESSED shortly after the full union of the bride to the BRIDEGROOM. (Rev. 19:7; 22:17)

11. The restoring of mankind did not begin immediately after the ransom price was provided because God provided for the selection of the CHURCH. The *us* class in Hebrews 11:40 are the fully consecrated of the GOSPEL age.

12. The purpose of the period between the first and second advents is for the selection and TRIAL of the church. If God had not purposed the selection of the church, the one advent of Christ would have taken place at the time of the SECOND advent. God designed to permit evil for 6000 years. The RESTITUTION of all things will be fully accomplished by the close of the *seventh thousand year period* of time from the fall of Adam.

13. Has enough time been set aside for the selection of the church? YES Will individual blessings come to mankind after the church is complete? YES

14. The heaven retained our Lord until the times of RESTITUTION of all things. (Acts 3:19-21) Are the nations *angry* at the time of our Lord's second coming? YES (Revelation 11:18; Daniel 12:1) The mission of the church during the Gospel age is to PREPARE herself and PREACH the Gospel for a witness. Was it God's time to convert the world during the Gospel age? NO

15. Up to the present only a FEW have intelligently heard of the only name whereby one must be saved. Only a FEW understand the doctrine of restitution for the world. The CHRIST (Head and body members) is the promised *seed*. (Genesis 22:17; Galatians 3:16, 29)

16. The WORD of the LORD will not return unto him void. (Isaiah 55:11) During the reign of CHRIST the knowledge of the LORD will fill the earth. (Isaiah 11:9)

17. An election has been in progress during the GOSPEL age as well as past ages. Free grace belongs to the MILLENNIAL/MESSIANIC age.

18. Is the church selected according to fitness and adaptability? YES The church is selected during the GOSPEL age.

19. Since the fall of man into sin, have certain of God's favors been restricted to special individuals, nations, and classes? YES The rest of mankind will be invited drink at life's fountain freely during the MILLENNIAL age. (Rev. 22:17)

20. Abraham's spiritual seed is the CHRIST.

(Galatians 3:16, 29) The nation God used typically to illustrate his great work for the world was ISRAEL. (Amos 3:2) At the first advent, our Lord was sent to the "LOST SHEEP" of the house of ISRAEL. (Matthew 10:5,6)

21. Jesus tasted death for EVERY MAN. (Hebrews 2:9)

22. Are some parts of the world more favored with the Gospel than others? YES It is a privilege to be enlightened with the GOSPEL. The plan of God for the world's salvation begins after the CHURCH is complete.

23. The promised *seed* will bruise the serpent's head when the CHURCH is complete. (Romans 16:20; Genesis 3:15) Those who are READY go into the marriage at which time the *second Adam* and the *second Eve* become one. (Revelation 19:7) During the earthly phase of the kingdom (the mediatorial reign), the Spirit and the bride will say, COME. (Revelation 22:17)

24. The groaning CREATION is waiting for the manifestation of the SONS of God. (Romans 8:19, 22) The living as well as those who have died will be blessed after the church is complete because JESUS died for ALL. (Isaiah 35:10)

25. Will all who have died be awakened from the sleep of death? YES (1 Corinthians 15:21) The dead will be awakened from death since Jesus gave himself a RANSOM for ALL. (1 Timothy 2:3-6) In the fullest sense, the *prisoners* of hope are those who have DIED as well as those who are CONDEMNED to death. (Isaiah 49:9)

26. Have only a few been saints of God? YES Have billions died in unbelief? YES

27. The wages of sin is DEATH —*not torment*. (Romans 6:23) All who have died in unbelief will be awakened and then come to an accurate knowledge of the TRUTH. (1 Timothy 2:3-6; Isaiah 11:9)

28. Do thinking Christians wish to learn the truth? YES Are the teachings of Atheism, Calvinism, and Arminianism contrary to the teachings of the Bible? YES

29. Do the scriptures support the view of Arminianism? NO The scriptures teach that one must exercise FAITH in order to be saved. (Ephesians 2:8) Upon whom must one call in order to be saved? (Acts 4:12; Rom. 10:13) JESUS

30. Must one hear the gospel before he can believe? YES (Romans 10:14)

31. Will ignorance save men? NO By the Law is the knowledge of SIN. (Romans 3:20) The written law condemned the JEWS. The light of conscience stops the GENTILES from claiming any right to life.

32. One is guilty of ALL if he keeps the whole law with the exception of one point. (James 2:10) Is there anyone righteous other than those who have the imputed righteousness of Christ? NO (Rom. 3:10) Can one secure eternal life by meritorious works? NO

33. Many Christians are unwilling to accept the *false teaching* which states that infants and HEATHEN go to a place of eternal torment when they die. God will not save the heathen through IGNORANCE.

34. If *ignorance* saves one, should missionaries go to teach the heathen about Christ? NO If *ignorance* saves one, should Jesus have died, and should his followers suffer and die with Christ? NO Is the Calvinistic doctrine even more absurd and unreasonable? YES

35. Is the Bible full of the missionary spirit? YES All who do not believe at the present time will have an opportunity in due time to come to a full knowledge of the LORD. One may come to God by FAITH in the precious blood of CHRIST. (1 Peter 1:19) The word *gospel* means GOOD TIDINGS.

36. Should we look at these questions just as God tells us of them? YES

37. The reward is given to the church during the early part of the second presence of CHRIST. (Matthew 16:27) The unjust are punished during the day of JUDGMENT. (2 Peter 2:9)

38. Will God let anyone be lost from lack of having had the knowledge necessary to salvation? NO God LOVED the world so much that he gave his dear Son to die for MANKIND. (John 3:16; 1 John 4:8)

39. Has every man been enlightened? NO (John 1:9)

40. For whom did Jesus taste death? EVERY MAN (Hebrews 2:9) The good tidings of great joy are for how many? (Luke 2:10) ALL PEOPLE

41. The man Jesus gave himself a ransom for ALL. (1 Timothy 2:5,6) Will all in due time come to a knowledge of the truth? YES

42. Does God have a due time for everything? YES The due time for the church to believe is in the GOSPEL age. An appreciation of the RANSOM brings responsibility.

43. Does death end all probation for the ignorant masses of the world? NO When a man dies, does any change take place until he is awakened out of it? NO (Ecclesiastes 11:3) There is no work, device, knowledge or wisdom in the GRAVE. (Ecclesiastes 9:10) The order of the resurrection is Christ the FIRSTFRUITS and afterwards those who are Christ's at his presence. (1 Cor. 15:23)

44. Death came by the first ADAM. (1 Corinthians 15:22) The second Adam is the Lord from HEAVEN. (1 Corinthians 15:47) Will experience with evil be advantageous to man? YES Perfect OBEDIENCE will be required of those who wish to live everlastingly.

45. God will not save anyone to the uttermost unless he comes to him through CHRIST. (1 Timothy 4:10; Acts 4:12) Will any be given life against their wills? NO (Deuteronomy 30:19)

46. Will all people be enlightened in due time? YES (Luke 2:25-32; 2:10, 11) One who remains an unbeliever will not gain LIFE. (John 3:36)

47. Will those in the tombs be released? YES (John 5:28, 29) Will hearty compliance with the laws of Christ's kingdom be necessary if one wishes to receive life? YES Those who draw back or SIN willfully after gaining full knowledge will die the SECOND death. (Hebrews 10:38,39; Revelation 21:8; Acts 3:23)

48. Does the statement to be *testified in due time* explain difficult texts? YES All were condemned to death because of whose transgression? ADAM'S (Romans 5:18, 19) All may gain life by accepting whom? JESUS CHRIST

49. All God's holy PROPHETS spoke of *restitution*. Is the restoration of the Jews to their own land promised? (Ezekiel 37:11-14) YES

50. Israel will be *blind in part* until the fulness of the GENTILES be come in. (Romans 11:25, 26) ISRAEL is back in her land to stay. (Amos 9:14, 15; Jeremiah 24:5-7)

51. In *those days* (the mediatorial reign) one will die for his own INIQUITY. (Jeremiah 31:29, 30) People now die due to Adam's DISOBEDIENCE.

52. Was Israel a typical people? YES  
The atonements made for Israel typified the *better* SACRIFICES.

53. The Sodomites were very WICKED. (Genesis 19:24) The JEWS had more knowledge than the Sodomites. (Matthew 11:23) It will be more tolerable for the SODOMITES than for the Jews in the day of judgment. (Matthew 11:24) Was the city of Capernaum brought down to *hell* (oblivion)? YES

54. Will the day of judgment be a *tolerable* time for the people of Capernaum? YES Had the people of Capernaum sinned against more light than the Sodomites? YES

55. The New Covenant will be sealed with the precious BLOOD of CHRIST. (Heb. 9:22, 23) Israel and the whole WORLD will be blessed under the New Covenant. (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

56. The Israelites, the Sodomites, and the Samaritans will RETURN to their *former estate*. (Ezekiel 16:48-63) In due TIME they will be awakened from death and come to a knowledge of the TRUTH. During the Millennial reign they will be on trial for EVERLASTING life.

57. Will the Amalekites have an opportunity in due time to gain life? YES Does every member of the human race have a place in God's plan? YES

58. Evildoers who do not repent during the Millennial reign will be utterly DESTROYED — *not tormented*. (Acts 3:23) Were the Amalekites, Sodomites, and others already condemned to death before they were destroyed? YES

59. The captivity referred to in Ezekiel 16:48-54 is their captivity in DEATH. The Christ will set at LIBERTY the captives. (Isaiah 61:1; Zechariah 9:11)

60. Do some find it difficult to accept these wonderful promises? YES The promises pertaining to restitution are TRUE. (Acts 3:19-21) The New Covenant will be inaugurated with ISRAEL.

(Jeremiah 31:31-34) One can depend upon the promises of the heavenly Father because God is TRUE. The precious blood of CHRIST will seal the New Covenant.

61. Israel will be recovered from BLINDNESS. (Rom. 11:26-29) God does not change his MIND.

62. The JEWS, SODOMITES, Samaritans and all MANKIND will be ashamed when God shows forth the riches of his favor. God was willing to give his dear Son in order that the willing and OBEDIENT might gain life.

63. God has given exceeding great and precious *promises* to the church to enable the consecrated to become partakers of the DIVINE nature. (2 Peter 1:4) The provision made for the world is perfect human LIFE. Many in Israel were blinded by PREJUDICE and HUMAN tradition. Those of the church who see the *dawning* of the Millennial age should TAKE HEED. (Luke 21:34)

64. The few now being selected will bless the MANY in due time.

65. The views of CALVINISM and Arminianism are *wrong*.

66. Justice and LOVE are the two essential qualities of greatness lacking in the view of Calvinism. The teaching of eternal torment is *wrong* because God is LOVE. Justice is the FOUNDATION of God's throne.

67. The view of Arminianism is out of harmony with the plan of GOD.

68. Does God lack ability and foreknowledge to accomplish his benevolent designs? NO

69. Has Satan in any measure thwarted God's plans? NO The almighty GOD/CREATOR is in complete control of every situation.

70. The doctrines of election and free grace, taught in the Bible, are harmonious and BEAUTIFUL.

71. Evil, injustice, and death will be brought to an end during the second presence of CHRIST. (1 Cor. 15:25, 26) Those who SUFFER with Christ will live and reign with him for the purpose of blessing all mankind. (2 Timothy 2:12)