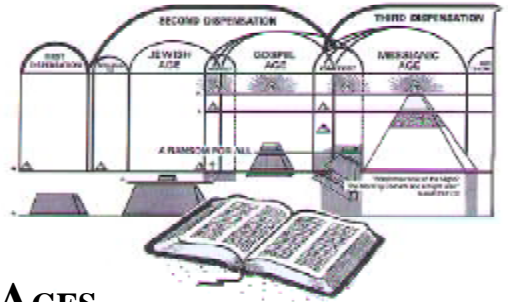




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## THE DIVINE PLAN OF THE AGES STUDY 12

### EXPLANATION OF CHART REPRESENTING THE PLAN OF THE AGES

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- ◆ Please **study** the 57 paragraphs in Study 12 of “The Divine Plan of the Ages” 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.
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- ◆ **STUDY 13** will be sent when you have completed this lesson.

1. The *Chart of the Ages* aids the mind, through the eye, to \_\_\_\_\_ the progressive character of God’s \_\_\_\_\_ and also the progressive steps which must be taken by those who attain the complete **change** from the human to the \_\_\_\_\_ nature.

2. **A** is called the \_\_\_\_\_ that was which lasted from Adam’s \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_. **B** is called the present evil \_\_\_\_\_ which lasts from the \_\_\_\_\_ to the commencement of the *Mediatorial* reign of Christ. **C** is called the \_\_\_\_\_ to come wherein dwelleth \_\_\_\_\_ which lasts from the beginning of Christ’s reign for **ages to come**.

3. Each of the **three** great \_\_\_\_\_ (**A, B, C**) is but a part of the one great \_\_\_\_\_ of God. The **first** dispensation (**A**) was under the supervision of \_\_\_\_\_ who were permitted to endeavor to recover the degenerate \_\_\_\_\_. However, the \_\_\_\_\_ were unsuccessful rulers. Even though Satan had influence during the \_\_\_\_\_ that was (**A**), it was not until after the flood that he usurped authority in the earth and is styled the \_\_\_\_\_ of this present evil \_\_\_\_\_ (**B**) by our Lord. The **third** \_\_\_\_\_ (**C**), under the control of our Lord \_\_\_\_\_ and his joint-heirs, will be a successful righteous \_\_\_\_\_.

4. During the **second** \_\_\_\_\_ (**B**), under the usurped limited control of Satan, man is permitted to try governing himself, but the

attempted \_\_\_\_\_ is now ending in the greatest time of \_\_\_\_\_ of earth’s history. (Daniel 12:1; Matthew 24:21)

5. The **second** \_\_\_\_\_ (**B**) is composed of \_\_\_\_\_ distinct ages.

6. During the *Patriarchal age* (**D**), God had special dealings with Noah, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and Jacob.

7. During the \_\_\_\_\_ age (**E**), God recognized with favor the 12 sons of \_\_\_\_\_ (Israel). (Amos 3:2) Israel, as a nation, was \_\_\_\_\_ of the Christian church. Their sacrifices \_\_\_\_\_ them \_\_\_\_\_ (**not really**). In the \_\_\_\_\_ age (**F**), we find the **realities** of which the Jewish age (**E**) and its services were \_\_\_\_\_. (Hebrews 10:1)

8. The Gospel age (**F**) is the time of the **better sacrifices** during which the Christ (**Head** and **body** members) are offered the \_\_\_\_\_ nature. (2 Peter 1:4) The continuation of the permission of evil is necessary for the testing of those who may be accounted worthy to share in the first \_\_\_\_\_. (Psalm 17:15)

9. The **third** dispensation (**C**) is to be composed of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Messianic) age (**G**) and many \_\_\_\_\_. During the Millennial age, Christ reigns for the purpose of destroying Adamic \_\_\_\_\_ and putting all enemies under his feet. (1 Cor. 15:25, 26) The Christ (**Head** and **body** members) will have accomplished the **restitution** of all things by the close of the \_\_\_\_\_ age (**G**). (Acts 3:19-21; Colossians 1:20)

10. Beyond the Millennial (Messianic age) (G) will be *ages to come* (H)—ages of perfection, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

11. While the work of the Jewish age (E) was ending with a \_\_\_\_\_, the work of the \_\_\_\_\_ age (F) began—a lapping of the ages.

12. The Jewish age (E) ended in a *measure* in the middle of the 70th week (*of years*) (Dan. 9:24-27) at the time our Lord \_\_\_\_\_ Israel. (Matthew 23:38)

13. In a fuller sense, God's favor toward and recognition of the Jewish church ended 3 1/2 years after the \_\_\_\_\_, and then the gospel began to be preached to the Gentiles. (Acts 10:45) The national existence of Israel terminated in the great time of \_\_\_\_\_ which followed.

14. The harvest of the Jewish age (E) started at the time the Gospel age (F) began with the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus with the Holy Spirit. In relation to the body members of Christ, the \_\_\_\_\_ age (F) started 3 1/2 years after the consecration, baptism, and anointing of Jesus.

15. The Gospel age (F) ends with a \_\_\_\_\_, during which the restitution (Millennial) age (G) begins—a lapping of the ages. During the same time period that the Gospel age (F) and the second dispensation (B) are coming to an end, there is a time of \_\_\_\_\_ (*fire*) such as never before experienced by the world. (Joel 2:1-3)

16. Adam (a perfect human being) was represented on plane N before he \_\_\_\_\_. After Adam disobeyed, he and his \_\_\_\_\_ are shown on plane R, the *broad way* which leads to \_\_\_\_\_. Plane P represents the *typical* \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel, reckoned as effected by the sacrifices of the \_\_\_\_\_.

17. Adam (*before disobedience*) and Jesus (*before his consecration and baptism*) are represented as perfect \_\_\_\_\_ on plane N. All others shown on this plane are tentatively \_\_\_\_\_. During the Gospel age (F) those who have repented of sin and accepted \_\_\_\_\_, the dear Redeemer, are shown on plane N and thus have a *measure* of peace with God.

18. During the \_\_\_\_\_ age (F), a *few* of the ones who have a *measure* of peace may be moved by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, as shown in their \_\_\_\_\_ from sin, to present their bodies a *living* \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 12:1)

19. The \_\_\_\_\_, and acceptableness to God, of the fully consecrated comes from the fact that \_\_\_\_\_ *justifies* one freely from all sin, through faith in Christ's \_\_\_\_\_, at the moment a covenant is made with God to sacrifice *earthly* hopes for *spiritual* ones. (Rom. 3:24; 5:9; 5:1)

20. The fully consecrated are no longer reckoned as \_\_\_\_\_, but as spiritual children—begotten of God through the word of \_\_\_\_\_. (James 1:17, 18) Those begotten of the spirit are \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual children, represented on plane M, the plane of \_\_\_\_\_ begetting. The new creatures in Christ Jesus no longer have \_\_\_\_\_ hopes but *spiritual* hopes. As human beings they are *reckoned* \_\_\_\_\_ at the time of their full consecrations. (2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 8:9)

21. Those who are faithful in fulfilling their covenant by \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 12:1) reach plane L (the condition of *perfect spirit* beings) at the moment of their resurrection from the dead in the dawning of the Millennial (resurrection) age (G). The *dead in Christ* are first resurrected and then the consecrated living in the harvest of the \_\_\_\_\_ age (F), upon finishing their earthly course faithfully unto death, are changed in a moment (resurrected *divine spirit beings*). (1 Cor. 15:51-54; 1 Thes. 4:16, 17) The *entrance* upon plane L is called \_\_\_\_\_.

22. After the entire body of Christ reaches the plane of full *personal* \_\_\_\_\_ (L), like unto Christ (divine spirit beings), the further step taken brings these body members to plane K, which represents the glory of power and \_\_\_\_\_— to sit with Christ in his \_\_\_\_\_, who, since his ascension to the Father 40 days after his resurrection, has been at the *right hand* of the majesty on \_\_\_\_\_.

23. The *pyramid* figure, used on the *Chart of the Ages*, represents \_\_\_\_\_.

24. A *topless* \_\_\_\_\_ represents imperfection. Adam as a perfect human being is shown by pyramid \_\_\_\_\_ on plane \_\_\_\_\_. After disobedience, Adam and his posterity are represented by *topless* pyramid **b** on plane \_\_\_\_\_.

25. The faith of \_\_\_\_\_ and others of his day (represented by pyramid **c** on plane N) lifted them up to a position of justification to friendship. (James 2:23)

26. *Topless* pyramid **d** represents the world of \_\_\_\_\_, after the \_\_\_\_\_, still

at enmity with God, where it will remain until the earthly phase of the Kingdom begins its operation.

27. Israel (represented by *topless* pyramid **e** on plane **P**), during the Jewish age, offered *typical* \_\_\_\_\_ and hence were *typically* \_\_\_\_\_. This *typical* justification lasted from the giving of the \_\_\_\_\_ at Mount Siani until Jesus made an *end* of it by \_\_\_\_\_ it to his cross. (Colossians 2:14)

28. Figure **f** represents the fire of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ upon fleshly Israel during the harvest of the Jewish age. (Luke 3:17)

29. Jesus at the age of 30, a perfect mature \_\_\_\_\_, is represented by pyramid **g** on plane \_\_\_\_\_. Previously to becoming a *human* being, he was a glorious \_\_\_\_\_ being. As a perfect man, Jesus was a \_\_\_\_\_ (corresponding price) for Adam (and all mankind represented in him).

30. The perfect man Jesus at the age of 30 \_\_\_\_\_ himself and consecrated to do God's will. Then he symbolized that consecration by water \_\_\_\_\_. God showed his acceptance by filling Jesus with his \_\_\_\_\_ and power—thus anointing him.

31. At the time of Jesus' full consecration, he was begotten of the \_\_\_\_\_ to the divine nature (pyramid **h** on plane **M**). He was born of the spirit 3 1/2 years later at the time of his resurrection from the dead (pyramid \_\_\_\_\_ on plane **L**). Christ was the *firstborn* from the \_\_\_\_\_. "That which is *born* of the \_\_\_\_\_ is *spirit*."

32. After Christ was *born* of the spirit, during a period of 40 days, he briefly appeared as a man to his disciples (*not to the world*) on several occasions in order that they could be assured that he was no longer \_\_\_\_\_ but since his resurrection was a glorious divine spirit being.

33. Jesus reached plane **L** at the time he was \_\_\_\_\_—*born* of the spirit.

34. Forty days after the resurrection of our Lord, he ascended to the majesty on high—the plane of divine glory, **K** (pyramid **k**). During the Gospel age our Lord is shown by pyramid **I** on plane **K** from where he \_\_\_\_\_ and directs the affairs of those who will become his \_\_\_\_\_ and joint-heir.

35. By repenting of sin and accepting \_\_\_\_\_ as his Savior, the sinner is lifted up from plane **R** to plane \_\_\_\_\_ where he is shown as tentatively justified with a measure of peace with God.

36. One who has consecrated to righteous living may be invited to the high calling by the heavenly \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Cor.1:26-30; Eph. 4:4) The acceptance of this invitation means the giving up of all our \_\_\_\_\_ hopes, \_\_\_\_\_, and aims. The consecrated give up the \_\_\_\_\_ nature in exchange for the promise of the divine \_\_\_\_\_, which will be received if we suffer with Christ.

37. After one is spirit *begotten*, he is able to do \_\_\_\_\_ and bring forth \_\_\_\_\_ acceptable to God.

38. The consecrated must do good to \_\_\_\_\_ as they have opportunity, especially to the household of \_\_\_\_\_. When others have need, the spirit begotten ones on plane **M** must serve either \_\_\_\_\_ *or* \_\_\_\_\_ food (*or both*) if they have the ability to do so.

39. Until the crown is won, the flame and \_\_\_\_\_ of our sacrifice of labor and service must ascend \_\_\_\_\_.

40. The spirit *begotten* ones who are overcomers will be *born* of the \_\_\_\_\_ (represented on plane **L**).

41. The unifying and full glorification of the entire \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ the Head is the *marriage* of the \_\_\_\_\_ to his bride (shown by pyramid **w** on plane **K**).

42. The **n** and **m** classes on plane **M** (the plane of spirit-begetting) represent the *little flock* and the *great company*. The **n** class (the *little flock*) fulfill their \_\_\_\_\_ and will be given the kingdom. (Luke 12:32) The **m** class shrink back from the performance of their \_\_\_\_\_. Eventually, by way of adversity and \_\_\_\_\_, the great company will reach plane **L** (the perfect spirit plane).

43. The majority of the nominal church have accepted \_\_\_\_\_ as their Savior but not the high \_\_\_\_\_. They are on plane **N** (topless pyramid \_\_\_\_\_). Those who reach plane **N**, but go no further, have received *tentative* justification in \_\_\_\_\_. However, after the earthly phase of the Kingdom begins its operation, all who do not accept the high calling of the \_\_\_\_\_ age will have the opportunity of learning the truth accurately under favorable conditions and, if obedient, attain the likeness of the perfect earthly man, \_\_\_\_\_ (pyramid **a**).

44. Section **q** represents those who have attached themselves to the nominal church but are not believers in \_\_\_\_\_ as their Redeemer. These *wolves* in sheep's \_\_\_\_\_ belong on plane **R**. The **n**, **m**, **p**, and **q** classes assembled together until the \_\_\_\_\_ time.

45. During the harvest of the Gospel age (**F**), the \_\_\_\_\_ (**n**), approved and owned of God, are made \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 13:39)

46. The good \_\_\_\_\_ are the spiritual children. All of class **q** and many of class **p** are \_\_\_\_\_.

47. The \_\_\_\_\_ tested fleshly Israel in the harvest of the Jewish \_\_\_\_\_ (**E**). The harvest of the Gospel \_\_\_\_\_ (**F**) is under the supervision of the chief \_\_\_\_\_ (our Lord Jesus) who is now present separating the true from the false. The wheat (the **n** class) is \_\_\_\_\_ from the tares during this harvest.

48. Figure **s** represents the *little flock* out of \_\_\_\_\_. In due time these will shine forth as the *sun* in the \_\_\_\_\_ of their Father. (Matthew 13:43) The *cross* of Christ was a *stumbling block* to the worldly-wise during the harvest of the Jewish age (**E**) and is again a test during the harvest of the \_\_\_\_\_ age (**F**).

49. The **s** class, who built with \_\_\_\_\_, silver, and precious stones, possess the approved \_\_\_\_\_. The **t** class, who built with wood, \_\_\_\_\_, and stubble, lose the prize of the throne, but eventually wash their \_\_\_\_\_ in the blood of the Lamb and will be invited to the *marriage supper*. Their position is then shown by **y** on the spirit plane \_\_\_\_\_. (Rev. 7:14 15, 19:6,7)

50. During the present transition period, in the which there is a great time of trouble, fleshly \_\_\_\_\_ has again become a nation among the nations. (Amos 9:13, 14; Matt. 24:32) Later on in the Millennial age (**G**), Israel will be the chief \_\_\_\_\_ of earth. (Zechariah 8:23)

51. The restoration, to perfect human nature, of those in Israel and the world who are obedient will be a gradual \_\_\_\_\_. By the end of the Millennial reign of Christ the great *pyramid* of the *Chart of the Ages* will be \_\_\_\_\_. The Christ (Head and body) shown by pyramid **x** will be the \_\_\_\_\_ of all things. The great company (**y**) and angels will be next in \_\_\_\_\_.

Israel after the flesh (including only *Israelites indeed*) will be at the head of earthly \_\_\_\_\_. The world of men (**W**) who obey will be restored to human \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 3:19-21) Those who make no progress, and those who refuse to obey, will die the *second* \_\_\_\_\_. During a *little season* following the \_\_\_\_\_ age (**G**), those having reached perfection will experience a final testing. Those who follow Satan during that *little season* will die the \_\_\_\_\_ death. (Revelation 20:9, 14)

52. The Father's great plan is for the *exaltation* of the church to the \_\_\_\_\_ nature and the *restitution* of all the willing and obedient of mankind to human \_\_\_\_\_.

53. The *pyramid* not only represents perfect beings, but it also represents the \_\_\_\_\_ of the whole creation, as it will be, when all the willing and obedient have been brought under the headship of \_\_\_\_\_. (Eph. 1:10; Col 1:20)

54. All (whether of a heavenly *or* earthly nature) who wish to be everlastingly acceptable to God must be conformed to the image of his \_\_\_\_\_ and partake of the spirit of \_\_\_\_\_.

55. Christ Jesus, the \_\_\_\_\_, was first selected and then secondly his \_\_\_\_\_ members. Angels and other spirit beings will \_\_\_\_\_ next. The worthies of Israel and the world will also be brought into harmony and \_\_\_\_\_ with the Head.

56. The corner top-stone (*laid first*) is also called a *foundation* \_\_\_\_\_. Our foundation is laid upward—not \_\_\_\_\_. The work of the Millennial age (**G**) will progress until every creature in heaven and on earth will be praising and \_\_\_\_\_ God. Those who refuse to obey will be \_\_\_\_\_ off from among the people. (Acts 3:22, 23)

57. Outside the court of the Tabernacle lies the whole world in \_\_\_\_\_ (plane **R**). Entering through the \_\_\_\_\_ those who accept Jesus are tentatively justified (plane **N**). Those who make a full consecration enter into the Holy (plane **M**) and are strengthened by the *shew bread*, \_\_\_\_\_ by the *candlestick*, and offer acceptable incense to God by Christ Jesus at the Golden \_\_\_\_\_. In the first resurrection, the faithful enter into the Most \_\_\_\_\_ (plane **L**) and are then associated with Jesus in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the kingdom (plane **K**).